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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



Here it is the beginning of a new year. Happy New Year!
— **cwe** —

I did not remember to try Mrs. Flowers' Onion Test to predict the rainfall for the year.
— **cwe** —

If the first 12 days are an indication of the weather for each of the 12 months, January is to be warmer than normal with no moisture. If Monday represents February
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STORM REPORT



As Reported by...
Stormie Meriwether,
Seventh Grade Student

Dear Friends, Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas. The day after Christmas we went to Houston for my dad's checkup. He is doing well. I am very glad that he gets good reports. He always laughs and says, "I'm trying to live long enough to get you grown". He has had cancer since I was two years old. It's not funny to have cancer, but we always laugh and have a good time anyway.

John and Emily (Walker-Houston cousins) are doing well. We went to one of my favorite places to eat, Christie's. I love the red snapper, but the Mississippi catfish had some spice on it that was too hot! We split the chocolate cake and ice cream and I still ate
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OATH ADMINISTERED: Steve Walker, newly elected Commissioner, Precinct 1, took the oath of office on Sunday, January 1, 2017. County Judge Jerry Hefley "swore-in" the new commissioner.

Fund Established For Paul D. Topper

Dear friends, Paul Topper was diagnosed with bladder cancer, which he has been battling for several months. On November 18, 2016, he had a bladder removal and reconstruction done at U.T. Southwest Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. As you can imagine this has been quite a shock for Paul and his wife, Brenda. They have had their hands full with medical tests, doctors and insurance. They don't know what the total cost of treatment will be or how long Paul will be out of work, but by starting something to help alleviate financial stress,
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From the Office of the Superintendent

"A-FACCOUNTABILITY-REALLY?"

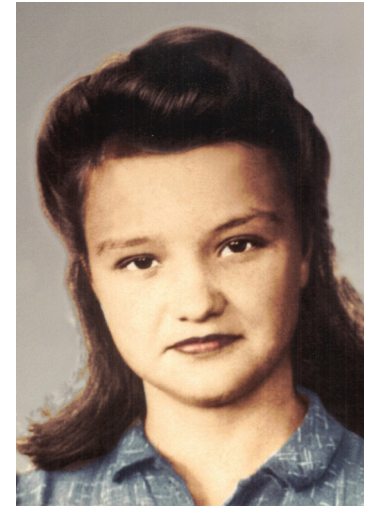
In the coming weeks, the Texas Education Agency will publicize the preliminary ratings for the state's new A-F Accountability System. On behalf of Wheeler I.S.D., I would like to provide some insight to the community as to what this system is composed of and what exactly it is going to reflect. As superintendent of Wheeler Schools, I provided a recent wrap up of the fall semester. I could go on and on about the commitment of our staff and students. Teachers, on a daily basis, are committed to overcoming obstacles and providing the best possible education for our children. If I

Zach Hibler Awarded Colt Bruce Bareback Riding Scholarship

The Colt Bruce Memorial Bareback Riding Scholarship is to honor the memory of Colt James Bruce by providing bareback riding scholarships to help pursue the same dream Colt had. To mark em out and let em fly! Zach was presented with the Colt Bruce Memorial Scholarship in October 2016. Were several recipients of this scholarship in 2016. Money raised for this

scholarship is from various events held by friends and family of the Bruce's.

Zach Hibler was voted by his peers to receive the 3rd annual Colt Bruce Memorial Sportsmanship Award at the Ram Texas Circuit Finals in Waco TX on New Years Eve. The award is voted on by the bareback riders at the Ram Texas Circuit Finals.



Artie Tidwell

Artie Lee Tidwell Services Monday

Artie Lee Tidwell, 86, of Wheeler, gained her wings Thursday, December 29, 2016 with her three children at her side in Amarillo. She was born on April 8, 1930 to William and Eveline Haire in Blossom, Texas.

She had been a resident of Wheeler since 1968. Artie Lee was a very active member of First Baptist Church of Wheeler and until two weeks ago, worked as the church custodian. Her first priorities in life were serving her family, the Lord and the congregation of FBC. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed having everyone at her home for all holiday meals. She loved to help people, work and taking care of any stray animal that crossed her path.

Artie Lee is preceded in death by her husband, J.T. Tidwell in 2001; her parents; a son, Terry Tidwell in 1999; 2 brothers, Pat Haire and Thomas Haire; her granddaughter, Brenda Lee and a great-granddaughter, Laci Tidwell.

Her survivors include 2
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Eldon Walsler, 66 Services Tuesday

Eldon Roe Walsler, 66, of Canadian, died January 1, 2017 in Canadian.

Services were at 2:00 PM Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at the Church of Christ in Canadian, with Jake Perkins, minister, and Kyle Lynch, officiating. Burial will follow in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Walsler was born March 29, 1950 in Hemphill County. His family had strong farming and ranching roots in the area. Eldon worked beside his father and brothers for many years.

He enjoyed helping others. His heart for service was evident in many ways. Eldon had a great love for his family, church and the Canadian Wild-cats. He was an avid bowler for eight years. He enjoyed football, gun shows, movies and television.

Survivors include three brothers, Melvin Walsler and wife Judi and Weldon Walsler and wife Annette, all of Canadian, and Glenn Walsler of Streetman; six nephews, five nieces and eight cousins.

Memorials may be made to High Plains Children's Home, 11461 S. Western Street, Amarillo, Texas 79118; Mesa View Assisted Living Center, 1 Teas Circle, Canadian, Texas 79014; or the Friends of Bryan Rupprecht Scholarship.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichaelwhatleyofcanadian.com



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: Zach Hibler is shown here with the parents of Colt Bruce after he was named the recipient of the Colt Bruce Memorial Bareback Riding Scholarship.

Wheeler City Council Minutes

REGULAR MEETING
November 21, 2016

Council Present: Mayor Bob McCain, Kendall Hefley, Stacy McQueen, Britt McCarter and Don Rose.

Absent: Carol Porton
Also Present: Mr. and Mrs. Albaro Gallardo, Yvette Ven-zor, Charles Kuntz, Paul Arganbright, Kristen Moudy, Jana Spence, and Kelli Hampton.

Bob McCain called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Kendall Hefley made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to approve the October 17, 2016 minutes as written. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstained.

Don Rose made the motion, seconded by Stacy McQueen to approve payment of the monthly bills as presented. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstained.

Britt McCarter made the motion, seconded by Don Rose to approve payment of Hefley Hardware's bills. The motion carried with 3 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 1 abstained. Kendall Hefley abstained from voting.

Stephanie Furuya was not present. No taken was taken. Stacy McQueen made the

motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to give Mr. Childress an extension of three (3) months to pay the owed amount. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstained.

Paul Arganbright gave the monthly maintenance report.

Kristen Moudy gave the monthly EDC/Chamber report.

Kelli Hampton gave the monthly financial statement report.

Kendall Hefley made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to amend Ord #237 Attachment A Article 1 Water Rates Section 1-1 and 1-2 and Article 2 Sewer Rates Sections 2-1. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstained.

Stacy McQueen made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to accept Legends 92.9 Emergency Alert System proposal. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstained.

Kendall Hefley made the motion, seconded by Don Rose to approve a Resolution suspending for 45 days the effective date proposed by West Texas Gas Inc. ("WTG") in its application requesting approval of its third annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") interim rate adjustment filed on or about November 1, 2016 pursuant to section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstained.

Stacy McQueen made the motion, seconded by Britt to approve a local Resolution in opposition to revenue caps and legislative interference with local services. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstained.

Don Rose made the motion, seconded by Kendall Hefley to adjourn. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstained. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

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A-F (from Page 1) place and gives some insight into a realistic approach to public education accountability.

Bryan Markham, *Wheeler Superintendent*
"A-F ACCOUNTABILITY - REALLY?"

by James M. Largent, Ed.D.
 In my third article for Make Education a Priority Month, I want to look at accountability. One of the new education "reforms" that came from the last legislative session was

Artie (from Page 1)

sons, David Tidwell and wife Pat of Amarillo, Don Tidwell of Pampa; a daughter, Janice Allen and husband Craig of Amarillo; 2 brothers, Delbert Haire of Canadian, Mike Haire and wife Sandy of Grand Junction, CO; 3 sister, Joy Riley and husband Jerry of Overgaard, AZ, Joan McCarty and husband Bill of Redding, CA, Connie Cederberg and husband Bill of Mt. Vernon, WA; 9 grandsons; 3 granddaughters; 23 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 2, 2017 at First Baptist Church of Wheeler with Bro. Larry Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the Wheeler Cemetery. The family has entrusted the care of their loved one to Winegeart Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to FBC of Wheeler, 101 W FM 2473, Wheeler, TX 79096 or the charity of your choice.

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the new law that every campus in the state would be given a grade of A-F. According to politicians, this would be a way to let parents and our communities know how our schools are really doing; because everyone can relate to a grade of A and how that compares to a grade of F.

So, let me ask you a question: If you were taking 18 hours of college classes and at the end of the semester, you made five A's and one F, would you consider yourself to be an A student or an F student? This is the problem with the one-size fits all accountability system that we currently operate under.

In his book *The Pitfalls of Reform*, John Tanner asks, "What if someone in a position of power insists you build a building that is pretty much guaranteed to fall down, threatens you with losing your job if you don't build it, and after it starts to crumble, points

to you as the source of the failure?" In education, we have seen this process over and over again. The state tells us our schools are failing, so they devise a test. Over the course of a few years, our students prove they can pass the test at a high level, so the politicians say the test isn't hard enough. So, they devise another test — and this same process repeats itself. They have devised enough tests now that our current system is supposedly "predicting" whether or not our third graders are on track to be college and career ready. Really? Don't you think the motive is really to "prove" that we are failures so they can divert money to other places?

We have literally hundreds of classes, programs, projects,

and experiments going on simultaneously in our schools. Our students are coding computers, programming robots, building airplanes, taking college classes, and competing at the highest level in fine arts and athletics. We are also preparing our students for careers when they leave high school with a multitude of technical classes and certification programs. If you come to our campuses, you will see active classrooms with critical thinking, high level discussions, and real-world projects going on each day. Our students graduate and attend the finest colleges and universities, military institutes, and technical schools in the country.

However, under our current accountability system, the bulk of our grade of A-F will depend on a once-a-year, multiple choice, bubble test that our students have to sit quietly and take for up to 3-4 hours at a time. This test has been proven to be defective, not statistically significant or reliable, and graded by minimum-wage employees hired off the Internet. The company making millions off this test cannot even guarantee their system will work when our students take the test online and also has a history of losing tests, sending them to the wrong schools, and grading them improperly. Is this really what our campuses should be graded on?

Throughout the entire testing debate, we never hear about how poor the test is. We never hear that we have spent

Wheeler BB Girls Defeat Fort Elliott

The Wheeler Varsity Girls met Fort Elliott Varsity Girls at Wheeler on Friday, December 30, 2016. Wheeler girls ended 2016 with a 51-37 victory.

Scoring:
 Wheeler 23 9 10 9 51
 Ft. Elliott 10 8 11 7 37
 Individual Scoring:
 Wheeler: Abree Finsterwald, 19; Jaci Guest, 15; Ruby Gaviro, 2; Valeria Tintori, 6; Esmey Herrera, 8; Brooke Ashurst, 4; and Shelby Jones, 4.
 Fort Elliott: Jenna Wilson, 5; Emily Coulter, 14; Bailey Barnett, 7; Jouney Serrell, 1; Kailee Coffman, 8 and Jacee Hughes, 1.



well over a billion dollars on these tests over the past ten years. We never hear that there are other proven, nationally normed tests that actually diagnose where our students are and what steps we should take to give them the assistance they need. Most importantly, we never hear about the thousands of professional educators who work hard every day actually teaching students in a classroom. If I were basing my knowledge of how well a student is doing in class, I will take the word of a professional educator who is with that student every day over the results of a one-time-a-year multiple choice test.

If politicians really want to see how well we are doing in public schools, they should rely on statistically reliable diagnostic tests that let parents know what level their child

is on and ways to improve. These tests should not be used to pit schools against each other by giving campus arbitrary grades that have no meaning. They should also come up with a system that tracks our students when they leave our schools — how many are graduating on time, going to college, technical schools, the military, or to meaningful jobs? Aren't those the numbers that really matter?

In our current climate of politics and public education in Texas, our focus, energies, and dollars should return to educating children rather than pitting us against each other. Public education is the most important thing we do as a state. We should all be working together to make sure we are doing the best job we can to prepare our future generation.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from December 14, 2016 to December 26, 2016.

DECEMBER 14, 2016
 MECH. MATERIALMAN LIEN-Greenbelt Electric Co-op to Fairway Links Energy Inc., 12-8-16, NW/4 Sec. 26, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. C/C PROBATE-Shirley Conder Jackson to Ex Parte, 11-29-16.
 C/C PROBATE-H. Joaquin Jackson to Ex Parte, 11-29-16.
 DECEMBER 15, 2016
 DEED-Deanna Mechel Lax Cook to Marla Gaye Calcote Lax, 11-18-16, All my Interest in SW/4 Sec. 13, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. RDT-Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. to Gregg L. Clark, et ux, 11-30-16, 5 acs. Sec. 23, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. C/C SALE ORDER-Geodyne Resources Inc., et al to Fairway Resources Partners III LLC, 11-2-16.
 DECEMBER 16, 2016
 QCD-Donnie G. Shorter, et ux to Anthony H. Woodfin, et ux, 12-13-16, Lots 13 & 14, Blk. 111, New Mobeetie.

EXECUTOR ROY. DEED-Steve Davis, et al to Steve Davis, 12-1-16, 27/64 Royalty Interest in Sec. 16, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. EXECUTOR ROY. DEED-Steve Davis, et al to Kathy Lou Lee, 12-1-16, 9/64 Royalty Interest in Sec. 16, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. DEED-Steve Davis, et al to Kathy Lou Lee, 12-12-16, 4.64 acs. NE Corner Sec. 57, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DECEMBER 19, 2016
 (See next week.)
 DECEMBER 20, 2016
 MEMO. OL-Martha Porter to Manning Land LLC, 7-17-14, Sec. 5, Blk. A-2, H&GN Ry. (Continued Page 5)

Chat (from Page 1)

the early part of the month will be warm and chance of rain. Tuesday dawned cloudy.

— cwe —
 Since this was written on Tuesday, I have no idea what the next 9 days are going to be like.

— cwe —
 Artie Tidwell will certainly be missed as a friend and she has cleaned house for us for the past 40+ years.

— cwe —
 Barbara and I 'saw the new year in' with Cathi, Dorcie, Jennifer and Seth in OKC. Yes, I managed to stay awake. Cathi and Dorcie had Blackeyed peas after 12 midnight since they left for home before noon Sunday.

— cwe —
 On Sunday we had a New Years' Day dinner at the Meriwether (Leroy, Rhonda and Stormie) OKC house. The Tom Fisher family was also present. Blackeyed peas was on the menu.

— cwe —
 Cards were played and I started off with a loss.

— cwe —
 Seth is out of school until Thursday, but Stormie was not so lucky; Wheeler started back Tuesday.

— cwe —

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Happy New Year to all!!!!!!
When you make your New Year Resolutions please include the Wheeler Public Library on your list.

Wanted to say a gracious Thank You to all who prayed and supported Peggy North in the loss of her sister Debbie Kinneman. Peg is back to work after a few mishaps at her home so hopefully things are looking up!

New books will be arriving soon and Christmas books will be out until the 17th of January. There are still folks reading them and asking us to keep them out. We are catching up with all the favorite authors of our readers and completing series, that brings the library into the future of starting and heading in a few new directions. We will still stick with the same authors but sadly, they are dying off and their books are lacking the things our readers appreciate and like because of Ghost Writers, who have taken on the challenge of writing in their place and there is a change in language or style. True followers of a favorite author always know when someone else has replaced them. This is a good thing in some instances but they change the style of the regular author to much. Things always change and since the library is a living, breathing place of learning and enjoyment it will be pressed to do the same. Lots of times we are given suggestions of books that someone has read and think might fit our folks, we love suggestions. So please know that we are not getting rid of books but just adding new ones to bring some new talent and ideas to our community.

Here's to the New Year 2017 and may you **READ>READ>READ!**
Vicki Ferguson/Librarian
Peggy North/Assistant



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Court (from Page 2)

Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-Nancy Burnett to Manning Land LLC, 7-17-14, Sec. 5, Blk. A-2, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-Conklin Energy LLC to Manning Land LLC, 7-28-14, Sec. 5, Blk. A-2, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-Amy R. Meadows to Manning Land LLC, 6-5-14, SE/4 & S/2 NE/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-Carolyn Marie Steen May to Manning Land LLC, 8-18-14, NW/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-Cathy Meredith Steen Dunn to Manning Land LLC, 8-27-14, NW/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-Linda Joline Steen Jones to Manning Land LLC, 8-19-14, NW/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-Wesley M. Steen to Manning Land LLC, 8-21-14, NW/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MEMO. OL-Wesley Meredith Steen Jr. to Manning Land LLC, 8-21-14, SE/4 & S/2 NE/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
OL-Doyle Keeton to Manning Land LLC, 6-5-14, SW/4 Sec. 14, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
CD-City of Shamrock to Dudley Dayberry, 12-18-01, Spaces 1A & 2A Lot 101, Blk. B, Shamrock Cemetery.
DECEMBER 21, 2016
ROW-Huff Land LP to FourPoint Energy LLC, 10-31-16, Sec. 47, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
MODIFICATION DT-David E. Teegarden, et ux to AimBank, 12-5-16, Middle 1/3 Lot 1, Blk. 34, Original Town, Shamrock.

Wheeler County Sheriff's Dispatch

CALLS FOR SERVICE
12/24/2016@1213—Vehicle Unlock
12/24/2016@1411—Vehicle Unlock
12/24/2016@1512—Medical
12/25/2016@2223—911
12/24/2016@2319—911
12/16/2016@0209—Medical
12/26/2016@0807—Hitch Hiker
12/26/2016@0859—Animal Complaint
12/26/2016@1246—General Complaint
12/26/2016@1535—Other
12/26/2016@2213—Loud Music Complaint
12/27/2016@1820—Concerned Citizen
12/28/2016@0538—Vehicle Unlock
12/25/2016@0556—Accident
12/28/2016@1946—Other
12/28/2016@2101—Vehicle Unlock
12/28/2016@2140—Accident
12/29/2016@0702—Vehicle Unlock
12/29/2016@0720—Welfare Check
12/29/2016@0801—Animal Complaint
12/29/2016@2002—Medical
12/29/2016@2110—Medical
12/30/2016@0145—Animal Complaint
12/30/2016@0253—Domestic
12/30/2016@0639—Accident
12/30/2016@0803—Medical
12/30/2016@0843—Hitch Hiker
12/30/2016@0937—Theft Report
CALLS FOR SERVICE
12/30/2016@1254—Vehicle Unlock
12/30/2016@1428—Fire
12/30/2016@2239—Vehicle Unlock
12/31/2016@0107—Accident
12/31/2016@0945—Suspicious Person/Activity
12/31/2016@1040—Theft Report
12/31/2016@1737—Other
12/31/2016@2015—Concerned Citizen
12/31/2016@2217—Suspicious Person/Activity

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Electric calls, hand calls, and spotlighting are allowed
Team must stay together at all times
1 vehicle, 2 ATV or 2 four wheeler per team.
In the event of an accident or legal matter we will no be liable.

Notice

(from Page 4) month shall be the rates charged for water services furnished to residential customers, commercial and industrial customers, and non-profit organization customers outside the corporate limits of the City of Wheeler, until revised by the City Council of the City of Wheeler by subsequent ordinance:

- (a) Residential:
 - Base Rate (Up to 3,000 gallons) \$20.00
 - 3,001 gallons and up \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
- (b) Commercial Services:
 - Base Rate (Up to 3,000 gallons) \$20.00
 - 3,001 gallons and up \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons

ARTICLE 2 SEWER RATES

Section 2-1. Sewer Rates Within the City

The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for sewer services furnished to customers within the corporate limits of the City of Wheeler, until revised by the City Council of the City of Wheeler by subsequent ordinance:

- (a) Residential Monthly Service Charge \$15.00
- (b) Commercial and Industrial Monthly Service Charge \$17.50

ARTICLE 3 GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES

Section 3-1. Garbage Collection Rate

The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for garbage collection services furnished to customers within the corporate limits of the City of Wheeler, until revised by the City Council of the City of Wheeler by subsequent ordinance:

- (a) Residential (single-family dwelling) \$16.60
- (b) Commercial and Industrial (any customer not considered residential) \$68.33

Section 3-2. Garbage Collection Rate Outside the City

The following rates per month shall be the rates charged for garbage collection services furnished to customers outside the corporate limits of the City of Wheeler, until revised by the City Council of the City of Wheeler by subsequent ordinance:

- (a) Residential (single-family dwelling) \$68.33
- (b) Commercial and Industrial (any customer not considered residential) \$68.33

ARTICLE 4 BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Section 4-1. Billing and Collection Procedures for Residential and Commercial Accounts

(a) All City utility bills shall be sent to residential and commercial customers on or about the twenty-fifth day of each month (the "Billing Date") for services provided from the 11th day of the prior month to the 11th day of that month.

(b) Payment on all residential and commercial accounts shall be due on the 10th day of the month (the "Due Date").

(c) All bills for which payment has not been received by the City on or before the Due Date shall be assessed a late charge penalty of \$10.00 or 10% of the amount due, whichever is greater.

(d) On the 15th day of each month, the City will send a courtesy notice ("Notice") on each residential account that is past due. The Notice shall include the balance due, and the date and time scheduled for disconnection and termination of city services. However, the failure by the City to send a courtesy notice or the failure of a customer to receive a courtesy notice shall not alter the City's right to disconnect service for nonpayment as provided herein.

(e) If payment on a residential account is not received by the City on or before midnight on the twentieth (20th) day of the month, then all water and sewer service shall be immediately scheduled to be disconnected and shall be disconnected if payment is not received before the service is disconnected. When a customer's utilities services are

scheduled to be disconnected for non-payment, an administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be charged to the customer's account each time the water, sewer, or garbage collection service is scheduled to be disconnected for non-payment. The administrative fee shall be charged regardless whether service is disconnected.

(f) If service is disconnected for nonpayment then service shall be re-connected on the same business day that payment is received in full by the City, provided payment is received by the City no later than 3:00 p.m. If payment is received by the City after 3:00 p.m. then service will be reconnected on the next business day. For service reconnection during regular business hours, the reconnect fee will be \$50.00. On weekends, holidays, and after regular business hours, the fee will be \$75.00.

(g) Meter Tampering: water meter tampering includes, but is not limited to, reconnecting meter (turning on), removing/cutting locks, and removing tags. Attempting to use water supplied by City of Wheeler without that water being measured and tracked through your water meter is also considered tampering. Tampering is subject to criminal charges Class B Misdemeanor. The city will prosecute violations to the full extent of the law. Tampering is punishable by both fines and prosecution. When a customer's meter has been tampered with, a \$25.00 tampering fee shall be charged to the customer's account, a \$25 lock cut fee may also be charged. If a lock is cut the meter will be pulled and a \$100 fee will be charged to the customer's account. The customer will be charged for the cost of meter if the meter is damaged during tampering. The customer will be required to add an additional \$200.00 deposit to any account that has had a tampering fee assessed on it for all future accounts with the city.

Section 4-2. Returned Payments and Charges

(a) Any payment that is subsequently returned does not constitute a payment.

(b) A \$25.00 fee shall be charged to a customer's account for each returned check or returned bank draft. Customers with returned checks or bank draft will no longer be able to pay their bill with check or draft for one year from date of last returned check.

Section 4-3. Payment Agreement

A payment agreement is offered to an account holder with a remaining unpaid balance after the cut-off/termination process. Terms of the payment agreement are negotiable based on the account balance and customer history.

Section 4-4. Theft of Services

Any person who turns on the water service or takes water from the City water supply without the approval of the City may be turned over to the proper authority for prosecution. The City reserves the right to prosecute any utility customer for theft of services, including costs and fees, in the appropriate jurisdiction.

Section 4-5 - 4-10. Reserved

ARTICLE 5 OTHER FEES, DEPOSITS, LINE EXTENSIONS AND CONNECTIONS

Section 5-1. Water Tap Fee
For any new water meter for a connection with the City's water system, each customer shall pay a tapping fee to the City. Such tapping fee shall be based on cost plus an administrative fee as determined by the City.

- (a) Any Tie In \$300.00
- (b) ¾" \$450.00
- (c) 1" \$700.00
- (d) 1 ½" \$925.00
- (e) 2" & larger Actual Cost

Section 5-2. Sewer Tap Fee
For any new sewer tap for a connection with the City's sewer system, each customer shall pay a tapping permit fee to the City of \$100.00. Provided, however, if an owner, builder or developer has the sewer line in place to the property line and no extension or connection is required to be performed by City personnel, no tapping fee shall be paid.

Lateral Connection Charge (tap size)

- (a) 4" \$300.00
- (b) 6" \$750.00
- (c) 8" \$1,700.00

Section 5-3. Deposit Required for New Customers

A deposit shall be required at the time of connection with the water or sewer systems as follows:

- New residential customers \$75.00
- New commercial customers \$150.00

Additional Deposit for any customer, whether within or outside the City limits, that has tampered with their meter as defined in Section 2-1 (f) \$200.00

Section 5-4. Refund of Deposit

Any deposit made to the City for utility services shall be held by the City until the utility service for which the deposit was made shall be terminated. Upon termination of such service, the customer shall be entitled to a refund of such deposit, less any amount which is due and owing to the City for providing any utility service.

Section 5-5. Utility services lien authorized.

(a) When delinquent charges imposed by this article for utility service remain unpaid the City may impose a lien on the City's behalf against the real property to which such service was delivered. If the customer of such service is a rental tenant only, the City may impose a lien against any real or personal property held individually or jointly by the customer for delinquent bills incurred by the customer. The lien shall include and secure the delinquent charges, penalties, interest, and collection costs. The City shall perfect the lien by filing a notice of lien containing a legal description of the property and the utility account number for the delinquent charges in the real property records of Wheeler County.

(b) The lien authorized in this section shall not apply to bills for service connected in a tenant's name after notice by the property owner to the City that the property is rental property.

(c) The lien authorized by this article shall not apply to homestead property as protected by the Texas Constitution.

(d) The lien authorized in this section is superior to all liens

except a bona fide mortgage lien that is recorded before the recording of the City's utility lien in the real property records of Wheeler County.

Section 5-6. Line Extension
The City shall pay all expenses to extend the existing water and sewer line up to the customer's property, not to exceed a distance of 100 feet. City shall not bear the cost of extending the water and sewer line onto the customer's property. Customer shall pay all expenses to extend the water and sewer line more than 100 feet to reach the customer's property line. Customer shall pay all expenses to extend the water and sewer line onto the customer's property.

Section 5-7. House Connection



Oil & Gas NEWS
Week of December 12-18, 2016
Oil Completions
HEMPHILL (MENDOTA, NW, Douglas, Lo.) Unit Petroleum Company, #5 Vollmert 'C', 9 mi SW from Canadian, Sec 10, Blk , BS&F Surv, A-1014, spud 7-8-2007, compl 11-18-2016,

the regulations of the City and subject to inspection by the City.

Section 5-8 - 5-15. Reserved

tested 12-13-2016, potential 24 bbls-oil, 38 mcf, 5 bbls wtr, 300# ftp, 55# SIWHP, TVD 11330', PBD 7339' API 42-211-33942, Vertical Recompletion Intents to Drill

HEMPHILL (MATHERS RANCH, Granite Wash) Tecolote Energy Operating, LLC, #1H Mathers-Studer 1518-4, (1280.25 acres) 1525' FEL & 2621' FSL, J Flowers Surv, A-425, 9 mi SE from Canadian TD 10500', (BHL: 2000' FEL & 150' FNL Sec 4, TT RR Surv, A-923) (sgd. James Clark 512-415-4191) Horizontal

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL, Douglas) Le Norman Operating LLC, #3H War Admiral 8, (630 acres) 210' FNL & 2310' FWL, Sec 8, Blk 41, H&TC Surv, A-1066, 17 mi SE from Canadian TD 9000', (BHL: 200' FSL & 2500' FWL) (sgd. Greg Bilbro 512-476-1245) Horizontal
ROBERTS (PAN PETRO, Cleveland) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #2H Nannymo, (1190.58 acres) 250' FNL & 2279' FWL, Sec 20, Blk A, H&GN Surv, A-912, 28.5 mi NW from Miami TD 6700', (BHL: 439' FEL & 100' FSL Sec 30, Blk 44, J A King, Surv, A-1030) (sgd. Zach Heflin 806-435-2910) Horizontal Amended

Storm (from Page 1)

too much!
School is starting and I am excited to see my friends. I will have a new class called Keyboarding. Mom says that is a very important thing to learn. It teaches you to use all your fingers on a computer instead of just thumbs, like when you text on your phone. I hope I can do it.

I am very disappointed in Logan (Meriwether). He said he was coming to my house then he said he can't come. He has to help Layne (Meriwether) move into an apartment. Layne has to live in the apartment while they fix the house that the crazy drunk guy drove through. I hope Layne and Logan come to see us soon!

We had a great time at my OKC house for New Year's Day. The family came and we ate our blackeyed peas, ham and cornbread.

Two sweet little ladies passed away and they had the funerals on the same day. Ms Tidwell was a very nice lady. She always did things for other people. I wanted to go to her funeral, but my dad was a casket bearer for Ms Opal (Smith). Opal went to my Hinton church and always gave me a hug, every Sunday. She liked for me to visit her. She always let me look at her beautiful glass things, because I was very careful. I can't believe she was married to Delbert for 72 years! Now she is with him again. I will miss them. That's it!

Topper (from Page 1)

maybe then they can focus on treatment and healing. A fund in the name of Paul David Topper has been set up at First State Bank of Mobeetie, Wheeler Branch. The money donated will be used to pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance and to help with allowable daily living expenses. Please continue to keep Paul and Brenda in your thoughts and prayers and thank you for your support. Your thoughts, prayers and generous donations are sincerely appreciated.

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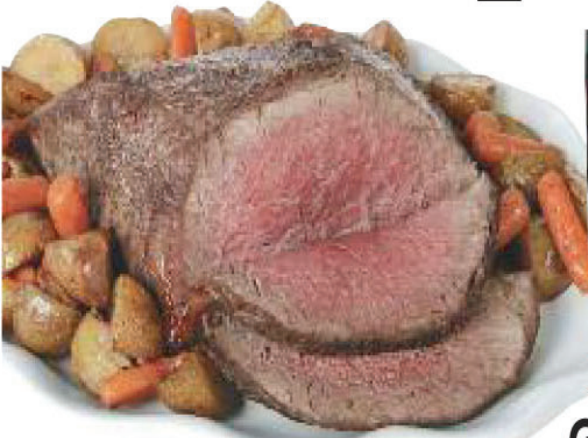
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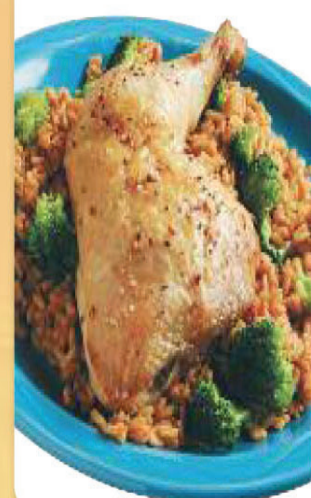


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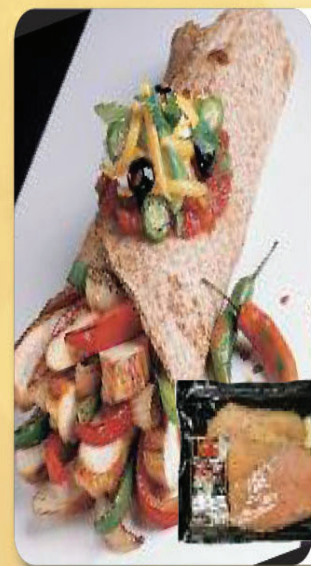
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