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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”

## Wheeler County Junior Livestock

# SHOW, AWARDS BANQUET & SALE JAN. 26-27-28



It's that time again. Our 4-H and FFA youth will be showing their projects at the Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

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The Wheeler School Reunion Committee has started working on plans for the June

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## STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, We didn't go to church on Sunday because we went to see our friend in the nursing home at Chickasaw. She is so happy to see us!

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Billy Burress

## Celebration of Life For Billie Burress

Billie C. Burress, 81, of Muskogee, Oklahoma entered Heaven's gates on Sunday, January 1, 2017 at home surrounded by his family. He was born January 24, 1935 in Mobeetie, Texas to Marvin and

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John Edward Morrison Jr.

## Graveside Jan. 25 For John Morrison

John Edward Morrison Jr, 95, died peacefully in his home Sunday January 22, 2017 after visiting with his beloved family throughout the week. Graveside service will be held at Llano Cemetery at 3 PM on Wednesday, January 25th with the family receiving visitors at Cox Funeral Home from 12PM-2PM.

John was born in Quanah, TX on June 7, 1921 to Lola

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## Changes Are Announced For County 2017 Farmers' Market

The Wheeler Farmers' Market is changing starting with the 2017 growing season. We have been a Wheeler County Market exclusively for Wheeler County with only locally grown produce and have been fairly small with no more than 10 vendors per market. We are now going to open our market up to the adjoining counties of Hemphill, Gray, and Collingsworth and the new name of the market will be Eastern Panhandle Farmers' Market. Growers from these counties have shown interest in our market but were restricted from joining. We are one of the last farmers' markets left in the Texas Panhandle and we offer a good selection of fruits and vegetables. We are not allowed to bring in produce from out-of-state or out of the designated counties.

Each vendor will be responsible for his/her sales, table, chairs, bags, tent (if preferred), money box, etc. The market is open to all ages and will be held in Wheeler on Saturdays 9 to noon on the west side of the courthouse and on Wednesdays 3 to 6 pm on the east side of the courthouse (along hwy 83). If you are interested go ahead and make plans by ordering your seeds and as the winter weather winds down be getting your garden spots ready for next spring/summer. The market usually runs from July 4th until Oct. 4th. A notice will be printed later. Chester Jones of Wheeler is the market coordinator and can be reached at chesterjones2347@hotmail.com or by 806-438-5095 if you have questions or concerns.

## Wheeler Economic Development Corporation Jan. 9 Board Minutes

Minutes of the Wheeler Economic Development Corporation

Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall

Members Present: Ben Ed Hillhouse, Randy McCurley, Jack Helton, Yvette Venzor and Dale Kidd, also attending Amy Zybach, CPA and Kristen Moudy, Coordinator

Members Absent: John Hankins

Others Present: City Council Members - Don Rose and Stacy McQueen and Wheeler Historical Museum Members - Pam Hill, Ada Lou Lester, Rhonda and Stormi Merriweather and Kathleen Cross

Ben Ed Hillhouse called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Randy McCurley opened with prayer.

Jack Helton made a motion to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes and Randy McCurley seconded the motion, passing it with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

There was no public comment.

In a motion by Dale Kidd and seconded by Jack Helton, the financial statements presented by Amy Zybach, CPA were approved in a motion passed with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

Pam Hill, President of the Wheeler Historical Museum,

## Parkview To Offer Course On Falling

Parkview Hospital and the Area Agency on Aging will provide a class free of cost for older adults that experience concerns about falling.

Classes will be at Parkview Hospital, attach is a flyer with the information. There is any way you may can publish the brochure so we can let more people know. The first class will be on February 2nd, and is a series of 8 classes (once a week for approximately 2 hours)

presented the board with a budget for the museum that included annual operation expenses, exhibit cost completions and future events planned for the museum. In a motion by Dale Kidd and seconded by Jack Helton, the 2016 approved budget line item for historical maintenance was approved to be paid out of the 2016 Wheeler Occupancy Tax Fund to the museum for \$7k, this motion passed with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

Kristen reported she is still researching different funding sources and strategy structures for Tom Britt Memorial Park.

Kristen gave the board information from the Texas Plains Trail Region for advertising in the 2017 Regional Highway Map. The last map produced by TPTR was in 2006. The map will be prepared and distributed by TravelHost, Texas Travel Information Centers and will cover Texas from OK border to NM border, from i-20 to the top of the Panhandle. In a motion by Jack Helton and seconded by Randy McCurley, the board approved a half-panel ad for \$545 that will come out of the 2016 Wheeler Occupancy Tax Fund under the advertising/brochure line item. This motion passed with all 5 members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.

Kristen presented an advertising request from the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce for the 2016 Small Business Saturday. There were approximately 20+ vendors set up on the square and had a successful turnout with local retail businesses. In a motion by Yvette Venzor and seconded by Jack Helton, the board approved for \$3,247.35 that will come out of the 2016 Wheeler Occupancy Tax Fund under the advertising line item. This motion passed with all 5

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The Annual Wheeler County Jr. Livestock Show and Barbecue is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 26, 27 & 28, 2017. The event will be at the Wheeler County show Barn at the north edge of Wheeler on Hwy. 83.

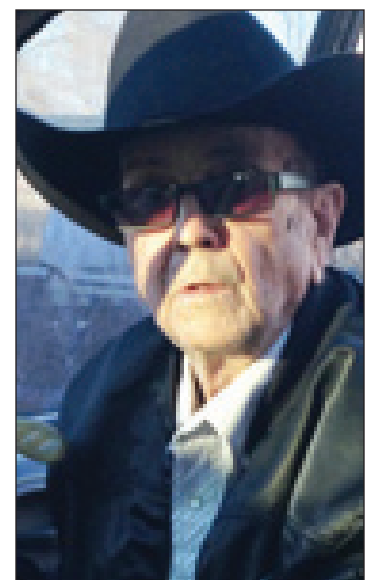
4-H and FFA members will be showing the animals from Wheeler, Shamrock, Fort Elliott and Kelton.

There will be 97 exhibitors showing 231 animals. Lambs, goats, cattle and hogs will be shown.

Both the animal and exhibitor will be judged. Individuals will compete. Showmanship buckles will be awarded.

Weigh-in for Swine will be at 5 p.m. Thursday. Weigh-in of Lambs, Goats and Cattle will be at 7:00 a.m. Friday. Market Hogs will be weighed in Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

The annual Meal—Chicken Fried Steak, Awards Program and Premium Sale will get underway at 5:00 p.m. with the meal followed by the Award-sand Program at 6:00 p.m.



Dwight Wilburn Erwin

## Celebration Of Life For Dwight Erwin

Celebration of Life Services for Dwight Wilburn Erwin

Dwight Wilburn Erwin was born January 7, 1943 to the late W.L. "Shorty" and Madge (Green) Erwin. He passed on Thursday January 19, 2017 at the age of 74 years.

He attended Wheeler School and later married the love of his life, Susie Benavidez on April 21, 1969 in Pampa, Texas.

He was a lifelong resident of Wheeler and worked as a mechanic at Burton Ford in Wheeler (until the late 1970's), also Clay Motor at

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## Five Wheeler County Deputies Removed From County's Payroll

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse, 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concern.

At 10:00 a.m. court was reconvened to address the 19 items on the agenda.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as read.

The approval of the minutes of previous meetings

## City Council Holds December Meeting

REGULAR MEETING

December 26, 2016

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

Also Present: Charles Kuntz, Paul Arganbright and Kelli Hampton.

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

Britt McCarter made the motion, seconded by Don Rose to approve the November 21, 2016 minutes as written. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstained.

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## County Deputies Make Drug Arrests

Tuesday afternoon, January 17, Wheeler County Deputy Baker stopped to check on a vehicle that was sitting at an abandoned service station.

While talking with the occupants of the vehicle, Deputy Baker noticed they were becoming very nervous.

Deputy Baker conducted a free air sniff around their vehicle with Wheeler County's newest K-9 Robi.

Robi indicated there were illegal drugs inside the vehicle. Deputy Baker and Deputy Hoffman then searched the car.

6 ounces of Methamphetamine was located along with a used glass pipe.

A male and a female were arrested on a felony drug charge. The street value of the Methamphetamine is approximately \$20,000

With encouragement from Sheriff Crites and the public, the deputies will continue working hard to get this junk out of our county!

were approved.

There was no action on Budget Amendments.

There were no Budget Transfers..

The burn ban remains in Stage 1. A reminder: you are still responsible for damages caused by a fire you set.

No action was on the Wheeler County Policy Manual.

The treasurer's report shown the expenditures for the period Jan. 1 through 26, 2017 to be \$112,230.35.

The "Letter of Resignation" by County AgriLife Extension Agent, Dale Dunlap, was presented and accepted.

Wendy Hazzard, Wheeler County AgriLife Extension Agent presented her review for 2016. No action was taken.

The court was informed

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## Services Not Set For Ruby Wills

Ruby Marie Wills, 74, went home to be with her Lord and Savior January 9, 2017 in Wheeler, Texas with her family by her side. Mrs. Wills is survived by her husband Donald; her son Steven and wife April of Wheeler, Texas; daughter-in-law, Carol Bradshaw, of Wichita Falls, Texas; grandsons, Shaun Hopper of Lemoore, California, Donald Leslie Bradshaw III (Trey) of Wichita Falls, Texas; sister, Carolyn Tiner of Monett, Missouri; a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews from SW Missouri; dear friends, Elaine Quandt of Wheeler, Texas, and Rachel Higgins of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Preceding her in death, were her parents, Otto W. Sass and Orpha O. (Laney) Sass, and her son, Donald Leslie Bradshaw II.

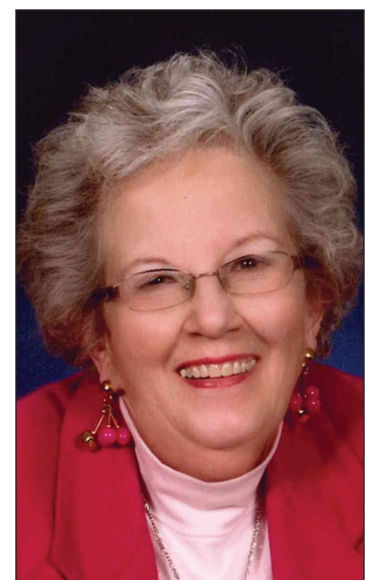
Mrs. Wills was a fantastic cook, loving mother, sister, grandmother and friend. Services will be at a later date in Cassville, Missouri.

## Lady Mustangs Lose To Claude

Wheeler's Lady Mustangs hosted the Claude game on Thursday, January 17. The local team lost the game 52-28.

Scoring:  
Wheeler 7 3 14 4 28  
Claude 20 13 6 13 52

Hitting the basket for Wheeler were Abree Finsterwald, 11; Jaci Guest, 2; Ruby Gavinio, 4; Brooke Ashurst, 6, and Shelby Jones, 5.



Mary Margaret Koetting

## Services Jan. 20 For Mary Koetting

Mary Margaret Koetting, 76 of Amarillo, died Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in Amarillo surrounded in love by all of her children, grandchildren and a multitude of angels.

Vigil service were at 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 20, 2017 in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2017 in the church with Rev. John Valdez as celebrant and Monsignor Harold Waldow and Rev. Scott Raef as concelebrants. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mary was born March 12, 1940 in Amarillo to Donald and Josephine Honey. She attended St. Mary's School and college in Houston. She married Alfred Leon Koetting on April 4, 1959, in Amarillo and they made Amarillo their home. Alfred remained the love of her life even after his passing in 2008. Mary worked many years outside the home helping to provide for her five

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**FORT ELLIOTT JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS:** (back, l. to r.) Yesenia Perez, Sydney Hughes, Savanna Sims, Brooklyn Buckingham, Karmen Cheshier, Lindi Rose, Molli Meek, (front) Chasey Lane, Audra Reeder, Madelynn Ford, Summer Meller, Braxton Angeley, and Sydnei Smith.



**FORT ELLIOTT JUNIOR HIGH BOYS:** (back, l. to r.) Boone Begert, Erick Camorlinga, Gavin Boydston, Tyrel Mayfield, Keaton Helton, (front) Gatlin Goad, Gavin McDowell, Roper Pigg, and Jacob Forward.



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**Wheeler County COURT RECORDS**

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's Office from January 16, 2017

**CARD OF THANKS**

I would like to thank the person who made a donation toward my gas bill and everyone for the thoughts and prayers during my loss of Dave. thank you Thomas Peppers for the nice graveside services.

Thank you all.  
 Love, **Barbara Decker**

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to January 20, 2017.  
 JANUARY 16, 2017  
 Holiday  
 JANUARY 17, 2017  
 HEIRSHIP AFFIDAVIT-Crystal Palos to James C. Carroll Jr., 1-11-17.  
 HEIRSHIP AFFIDAVIT-Shirley Hyde, et al to Leonard Hayes Fuller Jr., 1-16-17.  
 DT-NGU Crockett LP to Happy State Bank, 1-5-17, W 400 acs. Sec. 31, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 ASSIGN. AND BILL OF SALE-Lacy H. Williams, et ux to Centurion Partners LLC, 6-30-16, See Instrument.  
 ASSIGN. ROYALTY OVERRID. ROYALTY- Lacy H. Williams, et ux to Centurion Partners LLC, 7 -30-16, See Instrument.  
 JANUARY 18, 2017  
 RDT-Wheeler Title & Abstract

Co. LC to Red Deer Title Inc., 1-12-17, Lot 6, Blk. 28, Original Town, Wheeler.  
 DVL-Karen H. Butler to Jerry D. Hefley, et ux, 1-12-17, North 170.86 acs. E/2 Sec. 95, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 DT-Jerry D. Hefley, et ux to First State Bank of Mobeetie, 1-12-17, North 170.86 acs. E/2 Sec. 95, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 MODIFICATION RATIF. AGREE.-Shelton Title Companies Inc., et al to First Bank and Trust of Memphis Texas, 1-11-17, Lot 6, Blk. 28, Original Town, Wheeler.  
 DT-Alyson Celeste Abbott Anderson to TCT Financial LLC, 1-13-17, See Instrument.  
 DEED-Donya Thibodeaux, et al to Angela Eddleman, et al, 1-11-17, W/2 E/2 Sec. 10, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 DEED-Jack Paul George Testamentary Trust to Donya Junice Thibodeaux, 1-11-17, Sec. 20, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Sec. 4, Blk. 27, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 DEED-Donya Thibodeaux, et al to Donya J. Thibodeaux, 1-11-17, Sec. 26, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 DEED-Donya Thibodeaux, et al to Stacy McWhorter, et al, 1-11-17, NW/4 Sec. 91, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 JANUARY 26, 2017  
 RDT-Densel Reed, et ux to Evan Reed, et ux, 1-12-17, 2.19 acs. Sec. 1, C&M Ry. Company Survey.

FIRST AMEND. ASSIGN. BS-Chevron USA Inc., et al to Panchev LP, 12-29-16, See Instrument.  
 MD-Clara L. Scott to Gayle Scott Mock, et al, 1-10-13, NE/4 SE/4 Sec. 96, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 RDT-Miguel Altamirano to Thelma Hernandez, 11-15-16, 5.0 acs. NW/4 Sec. 56, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 JANUARY 20, 2017  
 DEED-Wesley Yarborough to Geraldo Almanza, 10-28-16, Lots 9-12, Blk. 6, Original Town, Shamrock.



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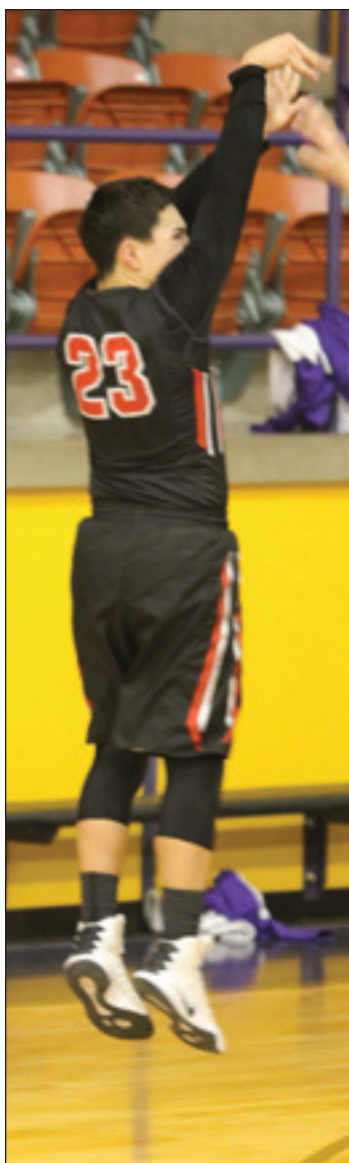
Abree Finsterwald sinks 2 for the Lady Stangs.



Mustangs fight for the rebound.



Fort Elliott beat Miami on 1/20/17 #5 Trip Sorrell shoots.



#23 Christian Camorlinga



Wheeler JV—Brad McGhee fights for the rebound.



Wheeler V—Jaci Guest goes in for a layup.



Fort Elliott lost to Miami 1/20. #32 Jacy Hughes



#10 Baylee Barnett

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 Aug. 6, '05 Celebration Planned  
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- Across
- Siren
  - Yachtsman
  - Corn holder
  - It's pumped in a gym
  - Shopping with a mouse, say
  - File
  - Mollify
  - capita
  - Audacity
  - Something to pick
  - Not forthright
  - Ford muscle car
  - Stately house
  - Handling
  - Jack-tar
  - Leg up
  - Go with
  - Supplement
  - Elders' teachings
  - Go astray
  - Adjust
  - Took off
  - Down
  - Talk like Daffy
  - Fertilizer compound
  - Reddish-brown

- Improve
- Become uncontrollably angry
- Fairy tale starter
- Tankard filler
- Proctor's call
- Canine's coat
- Replenishment
- Spanish sparkling white wine
- October's birthstone
- Road turn
- Slot insert
- Come again
- Big name in computers
- Kick back
- Paris pancake
- Clear the chalkboard
- O'toole
- Cell terminal
- Claw
- Standing
- Get-up-and-go
- English race place
- Bill of fare
- Turkey's home
- Animal with a mane
- Paying guest
- Me, \_\_\_\_, and I
- Source of inspiration
- Substance abuser
- Merlin, e.g.
- Main point
- Poetic time of day
- TV's "American \_\_\_\_"
- Shrek, for one

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I was doing some research this week on Why Libraries Are Important to a Community. I was impressed with the results of the article and I would love to share with you what I learned in the article.

It is broken down into five very different broad categories. (1) libraries are community builders, (2) libraries as community centers for diverse populations, (3) libraries as centers for the arts, (4) libraries as universities, and (5) libraries as champions of youth. I will go into greater detail about what each means, but it was written to help us know that library services are more than just about information.

In this article I want to expand the thinking on idea (1) libraries are community builders. Libraries are key to helping revitalize struggling neighborhoods and downtowns. What is your idea of a library and its reason for existing? It is like a major store it attracts folks from all ages to come and visit and spend time. It is a functioning part of a city that adds a community flavor and knowledge. Our community is rich in history and we have lots of material on just that subject. Our Library has books on genealogy from several different towns for you to use and study in the library. Our history section is very grand for a library our size and location. So you see, it is a place to come and study and get to know your community. In order for a library to survive we have to have people come in and use the things we have to

offer. So, we hope to see you sometime in the near future!  
Vicki Ferguson/Librarian  
Peggy North/Assistant  
*Last weeks news was received too late for the paper. Last week's column reads as follows.)*

New Books are in and we have a new assortment of children's books also. Need to come check them out!  
Planning is in the forward gear for the summer we have one listing for a Book Club Performance that will be for the whole family, later we will put out the dates and let you know what is happening. There will

be dates for Summer Reading and also dates for some other fun things. So keep reading the paper.

Christmas is on the way to storage and I've had several folks ask about keeping the Book Tree up, but I have another plan so you will have to come and see the new look hopefully by the end of January. I'm so thankful the Book Tree was a big success so it will probably be a main decoration each Christmas.

The cold is just getting started and so I encourage you all to come get a great read and take it home, drink hot



tea and relax. Also, we have blank cards on the main desk when you come in, if you would please fill out one we would appreciate it and give it to Peggy.

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**E.D.C.** (from Page 1)  
members voting for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 1 absent.  
Kristen updated the board that she will be attending an

**City** (from Page 1)

Stacy McQueen made the motion, seconded by Carol Porton to approve payment of the monthly bills as presented. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstained.

Don Rose made the motion, seconded by Carol Porton to approve payment of Hefley Hardware's bills. The motion carried with 4 voting in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 1 abstained.

Kendall Hefley abstained from voting.

Paul Arganbright gave the monthly maintenance report.

Kristen Moudy was not present. No monthly EDC/Chamber report.

Kelli Hampton gave the monthly financial statement report.

Kendall Hefley made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to amend the General Fund Maintenance and Repair Budget, from \$10,000.00 to \$10,225.00. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstained.

Carol Porton made the motion, seconded by Stacy McQueen to approve Ord# 241 Utility Rates and Procedures. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstained.

Stacy McQueen made the motion, seconded by Don Rose to approve the Utility Agreement for all new customers requesting water, sewer, or sanitation services. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstained.

Carol Porton made the motion, seconded by Britt McCarter to approve Ord# 242 SPS - Settlement Agreement. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstained.

Don Rose made the motion, seconded by Kendall Hefley to adjourn. The motion carried with 5 voting in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstained. The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

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**Comm.** (from Page 1)

that Judge Jerry Hefley had signed a Declaration of Disaster related to the January 15, 2017 Winter Weather Event. Even though Wheeler County escaped the storm, the action will help Hemphill County in getting their much-needed relief.

• The contract with the City of Wheeler for 24 hour dispatch system and 24 hour police protection for residents of the City of Wheeler was approved. The cost to the city will be \$4,401.71 per month.

• Wheeler County Sheriff Wes Crites sought the court approval to remove Crystal Jones, effective 11/28/16;

Coleman Spinhirne, effective 12/28/16; Ryan Damron, effective 1/14/17, and Mathew Stephenson, effective 1/18/17.

• The court approved the hiring of Jennifer Mayfield-Carr to the payroll as a part-time Jailer/Dispatcher.

• County treasurer Renee Warren, informed the county to the need to appoint the Public Funds investment Act Committee. Named to the committee were Judge Jerry Hefley, Commissioners John Walker and Steve Walker and County Clerk Margaret Dorman.

• The trading of a 2008 1/2 ton, 4wd Chevrolet Pickup by Pct. 4 to Pct. 3 for 1/2 interest in a back hoe was approved by the court.

• The court voted to pay the bills as presented. The payroll for the period of 1/1/17 to 1/15/17 was \$122,852.05.

**Morrison** (from Page 1)

Good Morrison Vestal and John E. Morrison Sr. He had many fond memories of roaming and hunting the vast prairies of Hardeman County. He also talked fondly of walking out to his grandparent's farm and doing farm chores with his grandfather. He graduated from Chillicothe High School. He married Kathren A. Condon on May 1, 1942, in Texarkana, TX. Soon after, he joined the Army and served honorably during WW2. He received 3 bronze stars for his heroic and

exemplary service.

Returning from the war, he attended college, starting at Abilene Christian College and finishing at University of Texas Law School. While attending law school, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives representing Hardeman County for the 51st & 52nd Legislative sessions. During the 51st Legislative Session, he served on the following Committees: Criminal Jurisprudence, Congressional and Legislative Districts, Education, Livestock and Stock Raising, and Public Lands & Buildings. During the 52nd session, he served as Vice Chair for the Rules Committee as well as serving on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Education, and Public Health Committees. In addition to his Public Service, he passed the Texas Bar Exam 1 year before his graduation from UT Law School in 1951, having achieved some of the highest grades ever recorded, at that time, in his law classes.

The family moved to Amarillo, TX in 1953 where John and Kathren raised 4 children. Growing up in the Morrison

**Erwin** (from Page 1)

Shamrock, Texas, and prison guard at Childress and Pampa, Texas. His main hobby was his horses and horse trading. He loved his animals and because of his loving gentle heart, they loved him back.

He was a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather who always had his family on his heart and mind first and foremost even at his most difficult times. He had an amazing strong spirit and gave his family strength even when he was at his weakest. Our family was truly blessed to have the gift of extra time with him.

He was a member of the Cornerstone Church in Wheeler, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Diana Wesphal of Watonga, OK and a great-grandchild.

He is survived by his loving wife Susie, son Larry Erwin and wife Lorrie; children Leslie Erwin, Lane Erwin of Wheeler, Texas. Robert Deluna of Erick, OK, Jonnie Harkins and wife Linda of Cary, NC, Jessica Rowley and husband Colby of Wheeler, TX., two brothers-Bill and wife Lou Erwin of Murfreesbro, TN and Jim and wife Betty Erwin of Elk City, OK., 9 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Celebration of life service will be held Thursday January 26th at 12 pm at the Cornerstone Church in Wheeler, Texas with Preacher Aaron Mercer officiating.



**Koetting** (from Page 1)

children. Later she became a stay at home mother and housewife.

Mary was devout Christian and Catholic who had a deep love for the Lord. She showed this in many ways but especially through her kindness and generosity to others. She was very active in the Church. She was a founding member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, a current member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a weekly adorer, Stephen Minister, Lector, and member of several circles. She helped within the community by volunteering for Meals on Wheels, Family Support Services and kept foster children for many years.

Mary had many friends. Each of them held a special place in her heart treating them as part of her extended family. Mary was an especially good mother and grandmother. Her kids and grandkids were her pride and joy. Rarely would she miss an occasion to celebrate or spend time with them. If that meant babysitting, birthdays, holidays, sporting events, or just to show up, Grandma would be there. Her memory will be with us forever and her presence will always be missed. She made every day fun and memorable.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alfred on May 15, 2008 and her son-in-law, Jimmy Stanhope on July 22, 2014.

**Oil** (from Page 4)

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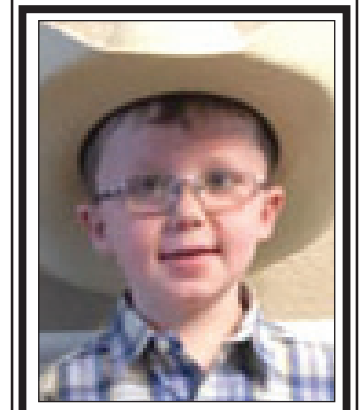
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**Storm**

(from Page 1)

When her husband was alive and they were younger, they always came to see us.

My dad and I have to fix the fence at the ranch. I drove my RZR and my dad rode his 4Wheeler. We went on top of the bluff. My dad was climbing over the fence, but when he put his foot down on the other side he stepped in a big animal hole that was covered with grass. One leg was in the hole, the other leg went flying over the fence and I was thinking, "how am I going to get him out of this?" He rolled over and got up by himself. That was good. After that I had to watch out for him. It was like he was ninety-nine and I was twenty

and I had to make sure I got him home safely. We finished fixing the fence. I found a big deer antler and gave it to my mom.

Finally the archeologists are hunting artifacts for the museum! It is very interesting. They mark the exact spot where they find something with a little flag. When they finish hunting they write down what they found and the exact spot where they found it. Sometimes they find old bullets or square nails or pieces of metal that Indians used to make metal arrows. Everything they find helps to tell the story of what people were here and what they did. Someday we will tell the story in the museum and you can come to see it. That's it!

**Chat**

(from Page 1)

9-10 gathering. We will have additional information as it becomes available.

— cwe —

Elections are coming up May 6. Individuals wishing to serve on the school boards, city councils or hospital board have until February 17 to file.

— cwe —

I decided to drive past the Wheeler park to see how the construction of the pool was coming along.

— cwe —

I was not prepared for what I saw. The trees planted in memory of Don Earney and Pete Burton had been bulldozed down. These trees were donated to the city and planted by the city employees at a location that was not in the way of the pool project.

— cwe —

The trees' location had been pointed to those in control.

— cwe —

Malouf Abraham Jr. recently had an article in Canadian Record about trees being cut down in front of the Presbyterian Church in Canadian. We share our appreciation of trees.

— cwe —

On our way home Sunday afternoon, we stopped in Elk City to use a gift card given us for Christmas. As we sat down, a high school classmate of mine from Hinton, Okla., called my name.

— cwe —

As I was talking to her, a young lady walked up, waiting for us to finish our conversation.

— cwe —

It was Georgia Erwin, the daughter of the late Inez Erwin, a former employee and friend of mine. I had not seen her for a long time. She and her mother were a part of our group, traveling to Six-Flags several times.

— cwe —

There are a few family birthdays coming around this month. The oldest daughter has a birthday next Thursday, February 1. Happy Birthday, Cathi.

— cwe —

**Burress** (from Page 1)  
Clydelia (Futch) Burress.

Billie married Ula Reed on July 31, 1955. They lived in Pampa, Texas until Uncle Sam called and the Army took him to Germany. After his return state-side, Billie moved his family to the Elm Grove Road area in 1960.

His life's dream was to be able to raise cattle and farm. After working 20 years at OG&E the Lord blessed and he was able to achieve this lifelong dream. Billie also loved to ride, raise, and train horses which he did very well. He bred and raised an American Quarter Horse World Champion, Mr. Little Brown Jug.

Billie loved to hunt and fish with his family and did this as often as he could. He enjoyed many hunting trips to Colorado and Wyoming with his hunting buddies, Mike Grace, Ralph Moses, and Carl McClure.

He will always be remembered as a man of strong faith, a wonderful and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, and neighbor.

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Donald W. Cheek	Commercial Enforcement Citation
Muhammadiev Shorhruh	Wheeler County Sheriff Citation

**Civil:**

CitiBank Vs. Gracie Payne

**FEBRUARY 2017**

If you have monthly meetings you would like listed on this calendar, please email: [wtimes@windstream.net](mailto:wtimes@windstream.net).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FIRST STATE BANK of Mobeetie</b> Mobeetie & Wheeler Member F.D.I.C.			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Jr. Hi. Dist. BB Tourney Feb. 2 - 4	<b>3</b> Wheeler vs. Claude JV & V—There Jr. Hi. Dist. BB Tourney Feb. 2 - 4	<b>4</b> Jr. Hi. Dist. BB Tourney Feb. 2 - 4 H.S. Band Contest @WTAMU HS BB vs. Claude
<b>5</b> Church . . . Wheeler Nursing & Rehab W. Baptist . . . . . 3:00 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Wheeler vs. Wellington HS	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Wheeler Lions Club Sotos Rest. . . . . 6:30 PM Old Mobeetie, Texas Assoc.	<b>10</b> End of 4th Six-Weeks Wheeler vs. Panhandle VB	<b>11</b> ACT Test — 8:00 A.M.
<b>12</b> Church . . . Wheeler Nursing & Rehab Allison . . . . . 3:00 PM	<b>13</b> Kelton I.S.D. Bd. .... 7:00PM Comm. Court ..... 10:00 AM Mob. City Council . 7:00 PM E.D.C. Meeting City Office ..... 7:00 PM Beginning of 5th Six-Weeks	<b>14</b> Mob. Fire Dept ..... 7:00 PM Birthday Party ..... 2:30 PM Care Cr. (Meth. Women) Our Country Band Care Center Wheeler vs Clarendon VB—5:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Wheeler Fire Dept. 7:00 PM San Antonio Stock Show	<b>17</b> San Antonio Stock Show	<b>18</b> San Antonio Stock Show
<b>19</b> Church . . . Wheeler Nursing & Rehab Mob. Baptist. . . . . 3:00 PM San Antonio Stock Show	<b>20</b> Wheeler City Council Meets ..... 7:00 PM San Antonio Stock Show Wheeler Staff/P-T/Conference	<b>21</b> San Antonio Stock Show	<b>22</b> W.I.S.D. Bd Meets .... 7 P.M San Antonio Stock Show	<b>23</b> Wheeler Lions Club Sotos Rest. . . . . 6:30 PM Chamber of Commerce Maxeys . . . . . 12 Noon San Antonio Stock Show	<b>24</b> San Antonio Stock Show	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Church . . . Wheeler Nursing & Rehab Johnnie & Pattie Crawford ..... 3:00 PM	<b>27</b> Comm. Court. . . . 10:00 AM	<b>28</b> Our Country Band Care Center		<b>CROSS COUNTRY BARN</b> Hunt Bros. Pizza Beer & Wine Pumps Open 24/7/365 301 E. Okla. St.—Wheeler Phone: 806-826-2276 Dale & Monica Kidd		<b>Your Partner in Progress</b> <i>Wellington State Bank</i> <b>WSB</b> P.O. Box 1040 Wheeler, TX 806-826-5546 • Bowie • Canadian • Childress • Dalhart • Littlefield • Lubbock • Oton • Memphis • Wheeler • Wellington

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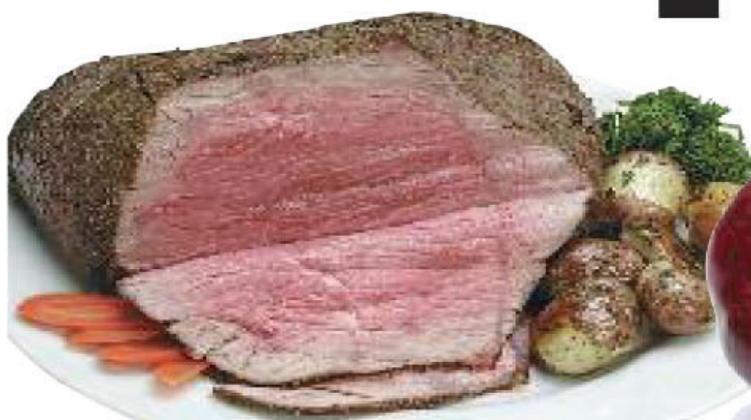
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