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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



**WHEELER COUNTY CANDIDATE FORUM:** Route 66 Media and Legends Radio organized a Wheeler County Candidate Forum held Sunday afternoon, February 9, 2020. Shown here are the candidates for Wheeler County offices on the ballot for the March 3, 2020, election. A large crowd was in attendance.



The Forum was well attended and beneficial.

The candidates are to be commended for their response to the questions.

Thanks to those in charge for all their hard work.

Time is running out to file for places on the Council, School and Hospital Boards.

Absentee voting starts Tuesday in the Primaries March 3. It is important that you exercise your right to vote.

The report by Charles (Continued Page 4)

## STORM REPORT

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

Dear Friends, It is cold! I like snow, but the snow melts or blows away. The ice is not fun. One day we had to go to Amarillo. It was snowing. Everyone drove slowly and we didn't have any trouble. (Continued Page 5)

## Kelton's Robotics Program Report

Here at Kelton ISD, we provide our students to participate in a variety of different extra-circular activities and robotics is one of them. Our students participate in the First Tech Challenge which is a robotics program that promotes essential STEM skills like math and science. Along with these STEM skills, FTC develops important character traits like cooperation, hard work, and responsibility. In the First Tech Challenge, students from 8th-12th grade are challenged to build a robot that has to accomplish a specific task and there are a variety of constraints that our students need to take into consideration. This year the students from around the (Continued Page 2)



**FTC-9778 Robotic Chinchillas** is the most experienced team from Kelton. They have participated in the FTC for about 5 years and are still learning new things every day. They have advanced to the World competition twice and won the UIL State Championship twice. At the league championship, they were one of the 9 teams that advanced. They are now preparing for the state championship for a chance to advance to the world competition. Recently, they have been trying to implement encoders on their robot to prevent battery fluctuation on their robot.

## Wheeler County Commissioners' Court Purchase of Time Clocks Approved

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Wheeler County Courthouse at 401 Main Street, Wheeler, Texas, to consider prior bills and discuss matters of mutual concern.

At 10:00 a.m. action was taken on the 11 items on the agenda.

The minutes of previous meetings were approved.

- Reports by County Officers were approved:
- There were no budget (Continued Page 3)

## Absentee Voting Begins Feb. 18

Early voting for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election starts Tuesday, February 18, 2020 and will continue through Friday, February 28, 2020.

Those wishing to cast their ballot early may do so at two locations: Wheeler County Clerk's Office, 401 Main Street, Wheeler, and Shamrock City Hall Annex at 116 West Second, Shamrock, Texas. Balloting will be Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Both polling places will be closed during the noon hour.

Election day voting locations for the Democratic Party will be:

Pct. 3—Commissioners' Courtroom, 401 Main Street, Wheeler.

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## Services Are Set For Dale Clawson

Dale Lynn Clawson was born to Blackie and Irene Clawson on July 8, 1945 in Rotan, TX. He went peacefully to be with the Lord on February 7, 2020 at his home in Kelton, TX.

Viewing will be at Robertson Funeral Home in Wheeler, Texas, Wednesday, February 12 9 a.m.- 6p.m. and Thursday, February 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The funeral will be at Cornerstone Church in Wheeler, Texas on Thursday, February 13 at 3 p.m. Interment will be at Kelton Cemetery in Kelton, Texas.

Dale was the oldest of Blackie and Irene's 10 children. He spent some of his formative years with his grandparents Danie and Pearl Gruben. Danie had a great influence on Dale's life. Growing up in the Rotan area, Dale had many grand adventures with his siblings. (Continued Page 3)



## City, Hospital and Wheeler I.S.D. Elections Filing Deadline Is February 14

On May 2, 2020, local voters will go to the polls to elect members to Wheeler school board, Wheeler City Council and North Wheeler County Hospital Board. Filing deadlines for names to be placed on the ballots for these positions is now open.

## Parkview Hospital

Two places on the Parkview Hospital Board are to be filled with the upcoming election. Positions are: Precinct 1 and Precinct 2. Roger Brown and Tommy Puryear presently hold these places on the board. James Shirey has filed for Place 2.

Qualifications: A resident of the voting precinct, owns property in the district subject to taxation and is more than 18 years of age at the time of the election.

Those wishing to file for the Hospital Board may do so

now and have until February 14 to file. One may file in person at Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater St. in Wheeler between the hours 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by mail: Parkview Hospital, P.O. 1030, Wheeler, Texas, 79096

Filing forms may be picked (Continued Page 4)

## 'Pappy' Gearhart

## F. L. Gearhart Rites Feb. 6 In Wheeler

Fay Lorraine Gearhart was born December 23, 1935, in Chanute Kansas, to John and Ruby Gearhart. He was the youngest of 6 siblings. F.L. went to be with Jesus surrounded by his loving family with joyful songs and prayer on February 1, 2020, at the home of his daughter in Mustang, Oklahoma.

Services for F.L. Gearhart (Continued Page 3)

## Fort Elliott Cougar Basketball Play

The Lady Cougars lost to Miami 45-51. Kaylee Bass was high point with 28 points and Savanna Sims had 6 points.

The Lady Cougars were defeated by the Booker Kiowas 23-44. Savanna Sims was high point with 13 points and Sydney Hughes had 5 points. The Lady Cougars are currently 2-7 in district and 10-10 overall.

The Fort Elliott Cougars defeated the Miami Warriors 72-48, but fell short to the Booker Kiowas 32-49. The Cougars are 7-9 in district. (Continued Page 3)

## Underwood Rites Are In Shamrock

Mary Christine Underwood was born April 18, 1931, in Crockett, Texas on her Grandfather Strickland's farm. She died on February 1, 2020, at the age of 88. Christine was the fourth of five daughters born to Walter and Phonzie Strickland and was always called Mary by her parents and family. However, in high school, a tall, handsome boy named "Dink" called her Chris and so she was Chris ever after. (Continued Page 3)

## Phillip Wiggins Is Buried February 9

Phillip Randy Wiggins, 63, of Pampa died Thursday, February 6, 2020 in Amarillo.

Services were at 2:00 PM Sunday, February 9, 2020 in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, officiating. Burial followed in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Phillip was born October 15, 1956 in Groom to W.B. and Geraldine Wiggins. He grew up in Hedley and was a graduate of Hedley High School. After High School, he went to West Texas State University where he graduated with a Bachelors in Accounting. He had been a resident of Wheeler County for 15 years and had worked for W.B. Supply and later Beck (Continued Page 3)

## Wheeler V. Girls Play Memphis

Wheeler VG vs. Memphis VG

Score By Qtr: Wheeler 18/25/34/41; Memphis 9/19/41/54

Final: Wheeler 41; Memphis 54

Top Scorers: Wheeler: Wendy Lopez 12, Perla Almanza 11, Daisy Duenez 8, Valeria Tintori 5, Selena Lopez 3, Hope Adkins 2

Memphis: Yaz Henderson 17, Janessa Cervantes 14.



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Lady Cougar Sydney Hughes stole the ball from a Miami Warrior.



Rayden Gonzales steals the ball and races down the court against Booker.



Braley Long scores for the Cougars against the Kiowas for 2.



Cougars Gavin McDowell goes up for a layup.

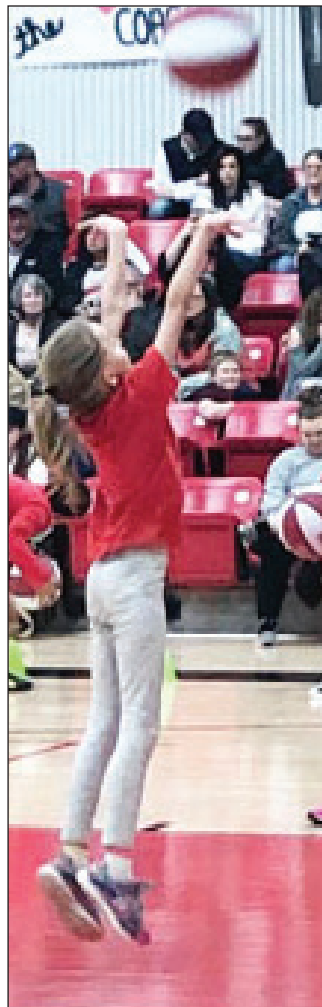


Cougars Logan Helfey and Isaac York block the shot of a Booker Kiowa.



Roper Pigg pulls down a rebound against Warriors.

## Fort Elliott's Elementary did a PAWS performance to show off their basketball skills!



Hey everyone! Hope you're staying warm and well! Seems to be quite a few runny noses and coughing going on so stay in.

Books have been trickling in and I assume it has to do with all the nasty weather back east where our orders originate from holding up the orders. When they do finally make it to Texas we will be busy for several days processing them! But, we are just going with the flow of things!

I'm sure I have mentioned an author we have that has been very successful in our library, her name is Linda Castillo. Cindy and I haven't gotten to read her books yet because they are so great. So you might want to look them up when you come visit us.

Kids have been making appearances every day and that is wonderful! I have young mothers come in the mornings and their babies just play and we read and just have a blast! A mother this morning told her 2 and 4 year old boys they had a day for them to do whatever they wanted! She said they both said, 'Let's go the the library!' Makes my heart happy for sure!

Just a bit of info that I read this last week that I considered very encouraging. Public Libraries around the country are having more business and more people reading REAL books! You just can not beat holding a book that has been held by who knows how many other hands and sit wherever you want and travel back in time or forward, visit a country or go to space! Books are awesome and I believe they will never be a thing of the past if we keep our Public Libraries open and be a place where all feel welcome.

Our library has a very healthy history but there were folks who worked hard and gave time to make it successful. From borrowed books to starting in the top floor of the old jail to the very first librarian for Wheeler, Mrs. Hugh Grider in 1955. Gradually it was moved down to the first floor of the jail which was safer to move around in. Then the move to the old hospital that we are now positioned in. Things have to constantly change and evolve to grow and we are growing people!

Vicki Ferguson/Librarian

Dear Editor,  
I am writing to thank Wheeler residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Because of the generosity of donors in Wheeler and across the United States, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected more than 8.9 million shoebox gifts in 2019. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2019, the ministry is now sending 10,569,405 shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—Wheeler volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 178 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories since 1993.

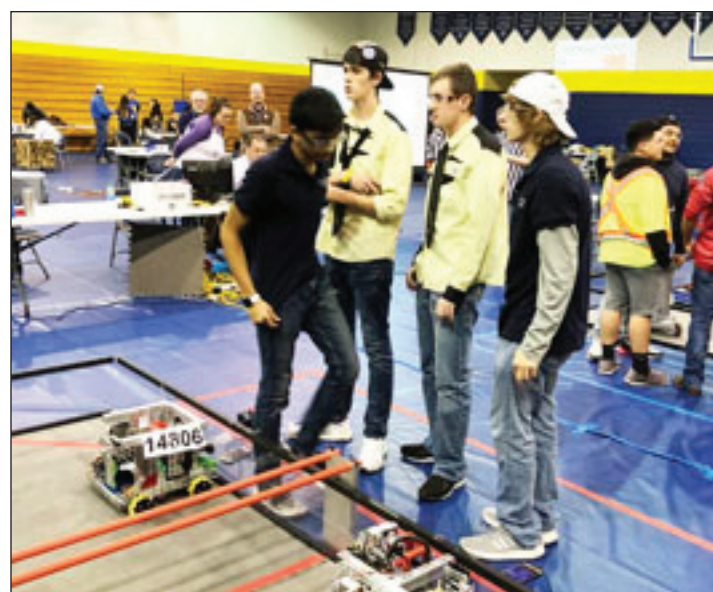
It's not too late for people to make a difference. Though drop-off locations serving Wheeler are closed until No-

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## Kelton

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globe are challenged to construct a robot (18in x 18in x 18in) which can stack Sky-stones (4in x 4in x 8 in Rectangular Prisms). The robot has many opportunities to accumulate a score BY moving blocks, stacking blocks, and a special autonomous period. Here at Kelton, we have three different teams, all with different skill levels, that compete in the program.

FTC-14806 Gemini has participated in FTC for about two years and has developed into a great team. They are another one of the 9 teams that advanced to State competition. They have won the Rockwell Collins Award, 3rd Inspire Award, and Think Award. They are preparing for the state champion and are also implementing encoders on the robot to prevent any battery fluctuation.

FTC-16799 Wookiee Robotics has participated in FTC for about one year and has learned many things about robotics. They were extremely close but were not able to advance. As a rookie

team, they are extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of robotics and have learned many things from the more experienced teams.

Our students have dedicated a great amount of their time to this program and their efforts have paid off. They have competed very hard and were ranked 4th and 6th out of the 32 FTC teams in our league. We are now preparing for the state championship and are hoping for our 3rd advancement to the world competition. GO LIONS.

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**Comm.** (from Page 1) amendments.

- There were no budget transfers.
- The line item transfers presented were approved.
- The court approved the purchase of time clock for the county.
- No action was taken on the InterLocal Agreements with Wheeler County and South Wheeler County hospital Districts.
- Renee Warren, Treasurer, presented the First Quarter Investment Report. The total interest income earned per quarter for FY 2019-2020 was \$57,530.54. The government investment pools and CD account balances as of 12/31/2019 was

\$16,974,497.20.

- Sheriff Wes Crites presented a Medical Contract with Dr. Eric to do calls when inmates are sick; the contract was approved by the court.
- The Underground Utility and Pipeline Crossings of County Roads was submitted by Mid Point Midstream LLC to bore under CR 22 for installation of an oil and gas pipeline was approved.
- The court approved the payment of the bills in the amount of \$276,649.50.

• A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

-- G. Gordon Liddy

**Mary** (from Page 1)

Chris and Dink (R.E. Hendrick Jr.) married in 1949 and had three children, Ronald Eugene who died at birth, Larry Ray and Carol Ann.

Chris and Dink lived in many places but in anticipation of their coming retirement, they moved to Wheeler in 1983.

She was widowed in January 1990 after forty years of marriage to Dink. She met Robert D. "Bob" Underwood at church and they were later married.

Chris enjoyed life and she loved to travel and after retir-

ing she and Bob made many trips with a camper in tow.

Chris was again widowed in March of 2017 after twenty-six years of marriage to Bob.

She is survived by her two children, Larry Hendrick and his wife, Deborah, and Carol Kiphart, two grandsons, Kelly Hendrick and Corey Cook, and three great-grandchildren.

Services were for 2:30 pm Saturday, February 8, 2020, at the Church of Christ in Wheeler, Texas. The church is located at 1001 S. Alan Bean Blvd., Wheeler, Texas 79096. Private family burial was in Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

Sign the online guestbook at robertsonfuneral.com.



Ky Markham is receiving training in Computer Networking and Security at Western Technology Center-Burns Flat, Oklahoma. Ky received a First Quarter Perfect Attendance Award and Second Quarter Outstanding Attitude Award at the recent WTC Awards Assembly.

**Pappy** (from Page 1)

was Thursday, February 6, 2020, 1PM, at the Wheeler Church of Christ.

Viewing was held at Robertson Funeral Directors Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 12-6 PM.

F.L. was raised in Southeast Kansas. He married the love of his life, Mary Jane Alumbaugh, on June 27, 1954, in Iola, Kansas. The 58-year long union blessed them with 3 children, Connie, Jim and Danny. He was a loving, devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. Later in life, he became Mary Jane's caretaker while she fought her battle with cancer. After her passing, he married Virginia DeBose and gained 3 more children to love, Jeff, Danny and Tammy.

F.L. loved unconditionally. He was known to friends, family, and his community, as Pappy. He never shied away from helping anyone in need or giving them advice. He often said, "He was a jack of all trades and a master of none." He could lay concrete, fix a chair, sharpen any object, or train a "worm" in the oilfield. He worked day and night making sure his family was taken care of. Whether it was pulling doubles in the oilfield, laying concrete, or using his handyman skills, the definition of hard work shown through him.

Pappy was a member of Wheeler Church of Christ. He was a devoted Christian and loved the Lord. When asked about his favorite verse, he would say it did not matter because it is all true. His deviled eggs made every church gathering complete and his handyman skills will be missed.

Pappy loved his family very much. He loved having his family around him and doing odd jobs for any and everyone. We often joked that he and grandma started all this loving chaos. He also had a great love for dogs. He never left his house without his loyal companion.

He is survived by his children, Connie Thomas and husband, Dennis; Jim Gearhart and wife, Darla; Danny Gearhart and wife, Susan; 9 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter.

Pappy was preceded in death by his parents; 2 siblings; 1 grandson; his 1st wife Mary Jane and his 2nd wife Virginia.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made out to the Wheeler Church of Christ, PO BOX 323, Wheeler, Texas, 79096.

Sign our online guestbook at RobertsonFuneral.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Fay L. Gearhart please visit our Sympathy Store.

Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it.

-- Anonymous

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**Clawson** (from Page 1) high school Dale worked for a rodeo ranch in southeastern Oklahoma. In 1965 Dale joined the Texas National Guard. In January 1966 Dale met the love of his life, Carol Motes Reeder, and her young son Tony. Dale married Carol in 1967 and adopted Tony.

For several years Dale lived and worked in the Noodle area for Al Griffith, farming and ranching. In 1974 Dale renewed his relationship with the Lord and he and Carol were called to be house parents at Boys Village in Lake Charles, LA. They spent the next 7 years parenting dozens of boys in Lake Charles and the Houston area.

Dale and Carol came to Wheeler County in 1990 to work for his brother-in-law Garland Moore. In 1993 he began Wheeler Construction. He spent the remainder of his life as a master electrician and a servant of the community. Dale loved the Lord, his family, his friends, his church, his country, hunting and fishing. Dale was a wealth of knowledge who never met a stranger, and would do all he

**Wiggins** (from Page 1) Supply in Wheeler prior to his illness. He was a Mason and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hedley.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his two brothers, Billy Wiggins and wife, Tobytha, of Wheeler and Bobby Joe Wiggins and wife, Cheryl, of Lakeview; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces, nephews and other extended family.

The family request memorials be sent to Rowe Cemetery Association or the First Baptist Church in Hedley.

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I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

--Winston Churchill

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. -- P.J. O'Rourke, (Civil Libertarian)

could to help anyone in need.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and his son Donnie Lynn.

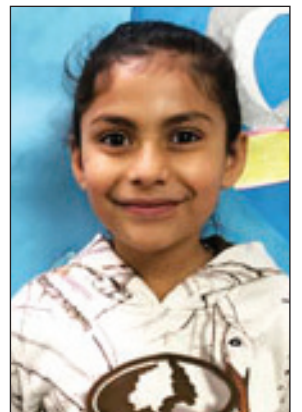
He is survived by his wife Carol, his sons Tony, Lonnie, Barry and wife, Marla, Dave and wife, Jen, and Danie, as well as 3 grandsons Clay, Wyatt and Cullen, granddaughter Ashley and husband, Brian Pledger, and their sons, Kayden, Karter and Kash. He is also survived by his 9 siblings Ronnie, Linda, Jerry, Gary, James, Danny, Cindy, Sandy and Sheila, and many nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Dale, his many talents and stories will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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Second Grade, Maria Garcia

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**Baby Shower (girl)**  
Name: Kogar Vanpool  
Date: February 22, 2020  
Place: 801 S. Main

**Baby Shower (boy)**  
Name: Kailey (Hudson) Gosnell  
Date: March 7, 2020  
Place: Mangum Baptist Church, Eastland, TX

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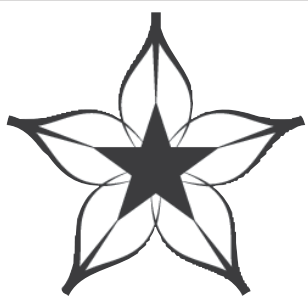


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Intents to Drill  
**OCHILTREE (PAN PETRO, Cleveland)** Western Chief Operating, L.L.C., #1H Carter, (299 acres) 200' FSL & 1100' FWL, Sec 12, Blk 12, H&GN RR Surv, A-1454, 5 mi SW from Perryton TD 8000', (BHL: 1269' FNL & 1840' FWL) (sgd. Austin Koble 512-478-3456) Horizontal

**POTTER (AMARILLO, NORTH, Canyon Lime)** Templar Operating LLC, #2H Bivins 52-17 East, (515 acres) 695' FEL & 2166' FSL, Sec 52, Blk 1, BS&F Surv, A-1123, 14 mi N from Amarillo TD 9000', (BHL: 58' FEL & 21' FNL Sec 17, Blk M3, G&M, A-454) (sgd. Carla Gomez 405-241-1862) Horizontal Amended

**POTTER (PANHANDLE, WEST)** Scout Energy Management LLC, #S 3 Bivins, (97351 acres) 132' FSL & 322' FEL, Sec 20, Blk GM5, G&M Surv, A-559, 12.1 mi W from Fritch TD 4000', (sgd. Tonya Blanchard 972-782-4267) Vertical Amended

**POTTER (PANHANDLE, WEST)** Scout Energy Management LLC, #S 6 Bivins, (97351 acres) 1501' FSL & 191' FWL, Sec 106, Blk 46, H&TC RR Surv, A-1220, 11.7 mi W from Fritch TD 4000', (sgd. Tonya Blanchard 972-782-4267) Vertical

**WHEELER (MILLS RANCH, Granite Wash Cons.)** Presidio Petroleum LLC, #201 Moore 1, (640 acres) 567' FNL & 1320' FWL, Sec 1, D Tindale Surv, A-405, 1 mi S from Kelton TD 15000', (sgd. Carter Ann Gordon 817-675-6495) Vertical Recompletion

**Gas Completions**  
**MOORE (PANHANDLE, WEST)** Scout Energy Management LLC, #26D Sneed, 12.1 mi SE from Dumas, Sec 26, Blk 1, J Poitevent Surv, A-626, spud 6-8-2019, compl 6-25-2019, tested 7-11-2019, potential 395 mcf, 0 bbls cond, 0 bbls wtr, 0# ftp, 15# SIWHP, TVD 2968', PBD n/s' API 42-341-33537, Vertical Oil Completions  
 None

**Chat**

(from Page 1)

Kuntz on Britt Field was also interesting. I will have to get with him and make the information available through the Times.

— cwe —

Betty Howard got out in the cold weather Tuesday and came in for a visit. Good to see you, Betty.

— cwe —

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List of instruments filed in Wheeler County Clerk's office from February 3, 2020 to February 7, 2020.  
**FEBRUARY 3, 2020**  
 AMEND. UCC DT-Gentry Minerals LLC to BancFirst, --- ---, See Instrument.  
 AMEND. UCC DT-Gentry Minerals LLC to BancFirst, --- ---, See Instrument.  
 DEED-Papini Investment Properties LLC to Papini Texas Investment Properties LLC, 1-24-20, Lots 18 & 19, Blk. 1, High School Addition, Shamrock.  
 DEED-Papini Investment Properties LLC to Papini Texas Investment Properties LLC, 1-24-20, Lots 20 & 21, Blk. 1, High School Addition, Shamrock.

ASSIGN./CONVEY./BILL of SALE-CRI Operating LLC to Crest Resources Inc., 9-30-19, See Instrument.  
 RELEASE FTL-United States of America to Abbro Fluid Services Inc., 1-26-20.  
 ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT-Todco Properties Inc. to Kimbrel Oil Corporation, et al, 1-20-20.

ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT-Todco Properties Inc. to Kimbrel Oil Corporation, et al, 1-20-20.  
 ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT-S & K Oil Gas Properties LLC to Samco Oil Gas Properties LLC, 1-27-20, See Instrument.  
 ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT-S & K Oil Gas Properties LLC to Larry Kent Keary, 1-27-20, See Instrument.

**FEBRUARY 4, 2020**  
 TDT-Ditech Financial LLC to New Residential Mortgage LLC, 1-24-20, See Instrument.  
 C/C PROBATE-Betty Hink to Ex Parte, 1-24-20.  
 LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT-Nancy Burnett, et al to Stephen Martin, et ux, 1-17-20, Sec. 5, Blk. A-2 H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

**FEBRUARY 5, 2020**  
 No Recordings  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2020**  
 DVL-Joseph E. Tepera, et ux to Brian A. Fuller, et ux, 2-4-20, N/2 Sec. 70, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 DT-Brian A. Fuller, et ux to Plains Land Bank FLCA, 2-4-20, N/2 Sec. 70, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 DVL-Bob D. Hardin, et ux to Cecil Wayne Gaither Jr., et ux, 2-4-20, 9.09 acs out of N/2 Sec. 123, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the Company Survey.  
 DT-Cecil Wayne Gaither Jr., et ux to AimBank, 2-4-20, 9.09 acs out of N/2 Sec. 123, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.  
 NOTICE RIGHT FIRST REFUSAL-Bob D. Hardin, et ux to Cecil Wayne Gaither Jr., et ux, 2-4-20, 9.09 acs out of N/2 Sec. 123, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.



Fort Elliott's Elementary did a PAWS performance to show off their basketball skills!

**Election** (from Page 1)

up at the hospital office or are available at parkviewhospital.org.

**City of Wheeler**

The Mayor and two city council members are to be elected in the May 2 election. Bob McCain is presently serving as Mayor. No one has filed for Mayor.

**Wheeler I.S.D.**

Three places are to be filled on the Wheeler Independent School board; terms for Places 1, 2 and 3 expire and individuals within the school district may file for these places between January 15 and February 14.

Place 1 is held by Beau Means, Mark Marshall is serving in Place 2 and Billy Richardson holds Place 3. All have filed for re-election.

The election will be held Saturday, May 2, 2020. Applicants may apply at W.I.S.D. on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

-- George Bernard Shaw

time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
 DATED the 13th day of February, 2020.

(Signed) Kenneth W. Fields  
 Attorney for Applicant  
 State Bar No.: 06975300  
 120 W. Kingsmill Ave., Suite 505  
 Pampa, Texas 79065  
 Telephone (806) 669-6851  
 Facsimile: (806) 669-0440

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of this paper will be gladly corrected upon due notice being given to the editor personally at the office at Wheeler, Texas.

**Crossword**

**Sunday Nite Live**  
**KPDR-FM, 90.3**  
 ... Live from Wheeler  
 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Crossword PUZZLE**

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Obituary for Fay L. Gearhart  
 Fay Lorraine Gearhart was born December 23, 1935, in Chanute, Kansas, to John and Ruby Gearhart. He was the youngest of 6 siblings. F.L. went to be

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**POLITICAL CALENDAR**  
 The following is a list of political offices open for election and the names of individuals who have announced in *The Wheeler Times* their having placed their names on the ballot for the March Primary.  
**Republican Primary**  
 For Commissioner, Pct. 1  
 Larry Erwin  
 Jackie Don May Jr.  
 Steve Walker  
 For County Sheriff  
 John Hankins  
 G. W. Barrett  
 Dean Doss  
 (Subject to the action of the voters in the Primaries Tuesday, March 3, 2020.)  
**Vote in the March 3 Primary**  
 (Paid for by each of the political candidates listed as part of the "Political Announcement," which ran elsewhere in the paper.)  
 County Offices to be filled in the March 3, 2020 primary:  
 County Attorney  
 County Sheriff  
 Tax Assessor/Collector  
 Commissioner, Pcts. 1 & 3  
 Constable, Pcts. 1 & 2

He was known to friends, family, and his community, as Pappy. He never shied away from helping anyone in need or giving them advice. He often said, "He was a jack of all trades and a master of none." He could lay concrete, fix a chair, sharpen any object, or train a "worm" in the oilfield. He worked day and night making sure his family was taken care of. Whether it was pulling doubles in the oilfield, laying concrete, or using his handyman skills, the definition of hard work shown through him.

Pappy was a member of Wheeler Church of Christ. He was a devoted Christian and loved the Lord. When asked about his favorite verse, he would say it did not matter because it is all true. His deviled eggs made every church gathering complete and his handyman skills will be missed. Pappy loved his family very much. He loved having his family around him and doing odd jobs for any and everyone. We often joked that he and grandma started all this loving chaos. He also had a great love for dogs. He never left his house without his loyal companion.

He is survived by his children, Connie Thomas and husband, Dennis; Jim Gearhart and wife, Darla; Danny Gearhart and wife, Susan; 9 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 1 great great granddaughter. Pappy was preceded in death by his parents; 2 siblings; 1 grandson; his 1st wife Mary Jane and his 2nd wife Virginia.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests  

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**ETHEL GRIMES CELEBRATES 102nd BIRTHDAY:** Happy 102nd Birthday Grandma! Love, Sidney, Clancy, Logan & Briggs.

### Protection PIN Program

The Internal Revenue Service has announced it was expanding its voluntary Identity Protection PIN program in a step toward making the program nationwide.

The IP PIN is a six-digit number that adds a layer of

protection to the taxpayers' Social Security numbers and helps protect against tax-related identity theft. It helps prevent a taxpayer's SSN from being used on a fraudulent tax return.

Taxpayers will be eligible for this voluntary program if they filed a federal tax return last year from Arizona, California, Colorado, Con-

necticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas and Washington.

Taxpayers enter their IP PINs onto their federal tax return when prompted by their electronic provider or their tax professional. Taxpayers must use the correct IP PIN on their tax returns to avoid return rejections or delays.

Taxpayers opting into the IP PIN program must use the online "Get an IP PIN" tool at IRS.gov/IPPIN. Before obtaining an IP PIN, taxpayers must pass a rigorous identity verification process. Not everyone can pass. Taxpayers cannot call the IRS to request an IP PIN. The IRS is working on an alternative for those who cannot authenticate their identities.

The IRS has created a new publication – Publication 5367, Identity Protection PIN

Opt-In Program for Taxpayers – to help taxpayers understand the required steps. The publication is in English and Spanish. Taxpayers should review the publication or the IRS.gov/IPPIN page to make sure the program is right for them.

Taxpayers who opt into the program should be on high alert for phishing attempts by cybercriminals and others to steal their IP PINs. The IRS will never ask taxpayers to disclose their IP PINs. The only time taxpayers should disclose their IP PINs is when prompted by the tax software provider as they are preparing their tax return or when their tax preparer needs it to complete the tax return. Any calls, emails or texts requesting the IP PIN are likely attempts at theft.

The IP PIN is valid for a calendar year. Taxpayers who opt into the program must return to the "Get an IP PIN" tool each year to obtain a new number.

The IP PIN protects only one SSN. For a married couple, each taxpayer must register on IRS.gov, validate their identity and request an IP PIN. Only dependents who can pass the identity verification process will be able to obtain an IP PIN.

The IRS expanded the program based on identity theft reports submitted to the Federal Trade Commission. The IRS is expanding eligibility in stages to insure there is no adverse impact on existing systems. After the 2020 filing season, the IRS will decide whether to add additional states or expand nationwide.

### Great Truths

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:

If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it.

And if it stops moving, subsidize it. --Ronald Reagan (1986)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

-- Will Rogers



### FORT ELLIOTT SENIOR NIGHT

Senior cheerleader Journey Sorrell 18 year old daughter of Christina and John Sorrell (not present)



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Senior Cheerleader Hailey Meadows 18 year old daughter of Ben and Tonia Meadows.

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namon revitalize the arteries and the veins.

### Storm

(from Page 1) ing home on 1 40 was horrible! It was all black ice. Trucks were crazy. They passed us going too fast, then we would see them wrecked later down the road. I counted eighteen wrecks between Amarillo and Shamrock. I was so glad to get home that night! My dad is a good driver.

It is time for Rooster to go to San Antonio. The pig show is next week. It will be fun, but a little sad to leave him there. He has been a very sweet pig. I will miss that boy.

It is so much fun to practice voice with Mrs. Lohberger! She is the best! That's it!

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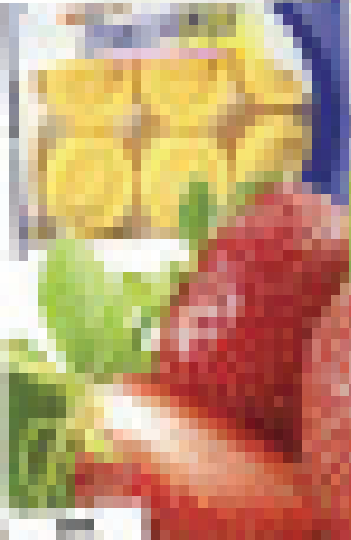


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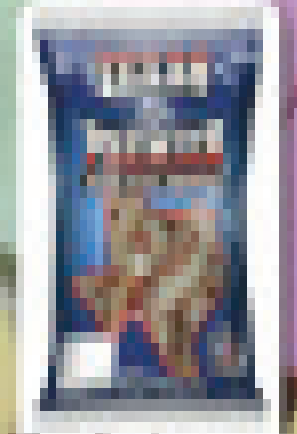
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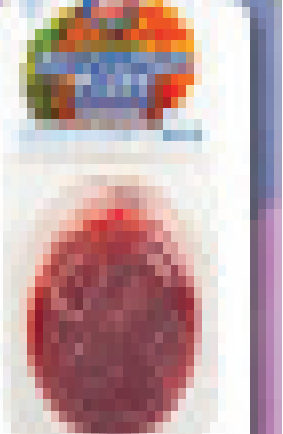
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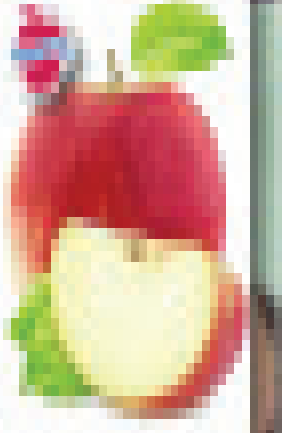
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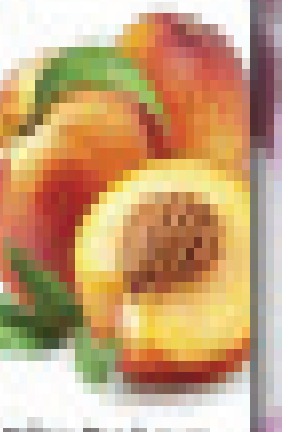
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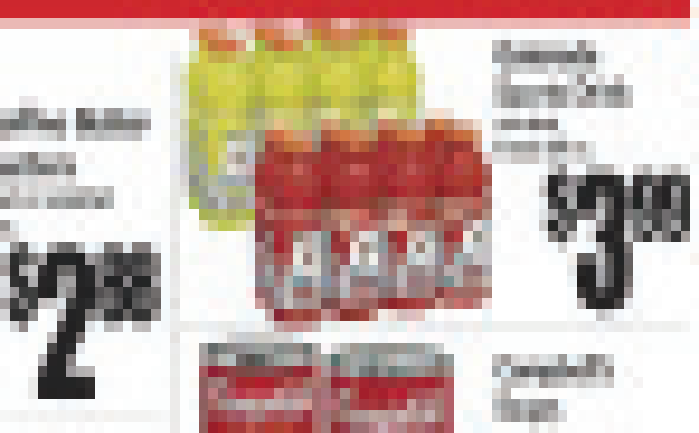
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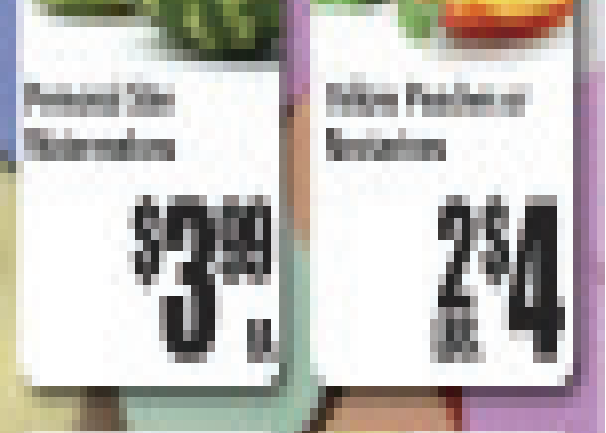
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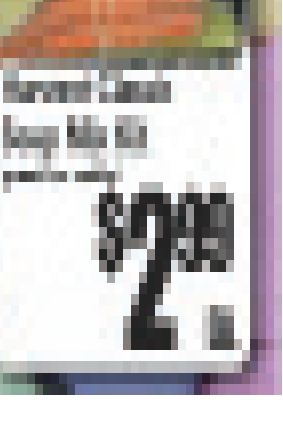
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