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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



Wheeler I.S.D. Renews Contracts

Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Wheeler ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wheeler ISD was held Wednesday, February 19, 2020, beginning at 6:30 PM in the board conference room located at #1 Mustang Drive, Wheeler, Texas, 79096.

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

I. ESTABLISH A QUORUM
a. Pledge: Chad Helton led the pledge.

b. Invocation: Machille Henson offered the invocation.

II. OPEN FORUM
a. Hearing of Any Person/Group Wishing to Address the Board: None

III. READING OF MINUTES
a. Regular Meeting of January 15, 2020

Mark Marshall motioned to

approve the minutes. Chad Helton seconded the motion. Seven members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT
a. Review of Bills: Mr. Markham reviewed the bills.

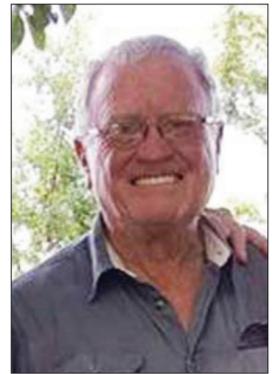
b. Financial Statement(s): Mr. Markham reviewed the financial statements.

c. Financial Assumptions: Mr. Markham reviewed the financial assumptions.

V. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Principals' Reports
Mr. Dale reported on enrollment numbers and upcoming Spring activities.

Mr. Bailey reported on enrollment numbers and high school activities. Boys Basketball will be entering the playoffs, and HS Band competed at the Elk City Band Contest. Also, Mr. Bailey provided information regarding the new Gateway CAN program to begin next school year.
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Bob Weatherly

Graveside Services For Bob Weatherly

Bobby Jack Weatherly, 85, passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2020, at his home South of Wheeler.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 am Thursday, March 26, 2020, at Wheeler Cemetery with Erron Mercer and Rodney Weatherly officiating.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

He was born May 7, 1934
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Peggy R. Carter Death Reported

Peggy Ruth Carter, 91, of Pampa died Sunday, March 29, 2020 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be held after the Coronavirus crisis is resolved.

Cremation and Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Peggy was born July 1, 1928 in Mobeetie, Texas to E.R. and Ruth Clark Ware. Peggy went to school at Mobeetie and later to Cosmetology School in Amarillo. Peggy married Carl Carter in
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A Letter From Wheeler Superintendent To the Community of Wheeler,

I would like to take a moment to share how proud I am of the staff at Wheeler ISD. As with all schools across the nation, we have been in uncharted territory, hopefully for the only time in our lifetime. With very little time, and certainly unexpected circumstances, the entire staff of WISD has come together to provide for the children of our community. Each and every staff member has gone above and beyond to do what is best for children. From custodians and maintenance working to sanitize and disinfect our buildings and vehicles, to our cooks and aides prepping and making meals, from our teachers doing the very best to provide innovative instructional materials, to our administrators organizing and making the daily decisions—I cannot say that I would want to be anywhere else. These people are great
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“Oh What a Beautiful Morning: Kara Richardson sent us this picture of a beautiful morning in Wheeler county.

City of Wheeler Council Minutes

Minutes of the Wheeler City Council Regular Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 505 Alan L. Bean Blvd.

Council Members present: Kendall Hefley, Britt McCarter, Tammy Moore, and Amy Zybach

Council Members absent: Carol Porton and Mayor, Bob McCain

Also present: Ken Daughtry, Ryan Smith, Lyndi Finsterwald, Kristen Moudy, Paul Arganbright, and Kristi Petit

At 5:00 p.m. the Council had discussions in a Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2020/2021.

At 6:08 p.m., Kendall Hefley called the meeting to order. Britt said the opening prayer.

Amy motioned, seconded by Britt, to approve the January minutes as corrected. The motion carried with all 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Britt made a motion, seconded by Amy, to approve payment of all monthly bills
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School lunches ready to be picked up.

Happy State Bank Joins Fight To Save Small Businesses

Paycheck Protection Program
Happy State Bank announced that it is joining the fight to save small businesses and their employees and resurrect the economy during this Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. After moving more than 400 employees

to remote locations or home settings, closing bank lobbies to protect our customers and employees, and meeting customers' banking needs by encouraging use of online banking and drive-thru lanes CEO J. Pat Hickman says, “Happy
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USDA Rural Development Action

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2020 – USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Rural Development will keep

our customers, partners, and stakeholders continuously updated as more actions are taken to better serve rural America.

Read the full announcement to learn more about the
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U.S.D.A.

Signup For Conservation Reserve

USDA Announces More Than 3.4 Million Acres Selected

for General Signup Conservation Reserve Program

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, March 26, 2020 – Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue today announced the acceptance of more than 3.4 million acres in the general Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup recently completed, the first general signup enrollments since 2016. County offices will begin notifying producers with accepted offers no later than April 3. Through CRP, farmers and ranchers receive an annual rental payment for establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or

trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Farmers and ranchers who participate in CRP help provide numerous benefits to the nation's environment and economy. “The Conservation
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A Bible Verse

“When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

II Chronicles 7:13-14 NKJV

Lower Xcel Energy Bills

Xcel Energy Texas bills to drop with lower fuel costs

Low natural gas prices, new wind farms help slash fuel costs in half since 2017

AMARILLO, Texas (March 26, 2020) – The cost of electricity for thousands of customers in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains will drop April 1 when Xcel Energy lowers its monthly fuel cost factor to reflect historically low natural gas prices and the increased use of low-cost wind energy.

Fuel costs across all cus-

tomers classes are being reduced. For Texas residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month, the total bill will decrease by \$4.35, or 4.3%. The lower fuel costs are being implemented on an interim basis pending final approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

“Natural gas is as cheap as it has been in decades, and this is good for our customers because it fuels about half our annual supply of electricity,” said David Hudson, pres-
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And we are in our second week of the Coronavirus thing. Sorry the paper is so small.

— cwe —

Send us your story and/or pictures on how you are handling being shut-in, doing school work, etc.

— cwe —

We brought Seth home with Monday morning, as he had

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STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, I am at home, isolated because of the virus. We only go to town when it is very important. My mom still is the only one that goes to get groceries and mail. There are some bad things and good things about this. The bad is, I miss going to Baba

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Carissa McCarter with Parkview's Basic (Level IV) Trauma Facility in Trauma Service Area-A. . . . See letter on Page 2



Joanna Marshall organized the painting of the old bank windows for the 2020 seniors. With the senior moms called the "Paint Posse"

City (from Page 1) presented. The motion carried with a 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

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Exit Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

Britt motioned to enter into an Industrial lease agreement with Oneok. Kendall seconded the motion. The motion failed with 2 in favor, 2 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Britt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Tammy seconded, meeting adjourned with 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Minutes of the Wheeler City Council – February 25, 2020 Special Session at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 505 Alan L. Bean Blvd.

Council Present: Mayor, Bob McCain, Kendall Hefley, Britt McCarter, Carol Porton, Amy Zybach, and Tammy Moore

Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Britt McCarter said the opening prayer.

Executive Session as pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 551.072 Entered time: 5:05 p.m. Exit time: 5:20 p.m.

After discussions, Amy made the motion to enter into an industrial lease agreement with Yellow Rose Spraying.

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W.I.S.D. (from Page 1)

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business

b. New Business

1. Consider/Approve an Agreement for Multiple Representation by Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Russo & Kyle, P.C., relating to an interlocal agreement for special education services.

Chad Helton made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement for multiple representation. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

2. Order Cancellation of School Board Election

Ike Finsterwald made a motion to cancel the school board election. Chad Helton seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Certified taxable values: Mr. Markham reviewed the certified taxable values. Wheeler County values were \$292,774,076 and Gray County values were \$1,137,520 for a combined total taxable value of \$293,911,596.

b. Review Taxable Value Audit: Mr. Markham reviewed 2017 Taxable Value Audit conducted by Perdue Brandon. The District looks to recoup approximately \$100,000 in lost value due to the compressor judgment.

c. Review IT Job Description: Mr. Markham reviewed the developed IT Job Description for the District.

d. Review Financial Information Regarding School Report Card: Mr. Markham reviewed the basis for which TEA calculates campus and district per student expenditures.

e. Review March Meeting

The motion was seconded by Tammy. The motion failed with 2 in favor, 3 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Britt McCarter then made a motion to enter into an industrial lease agreement with Oneok. The motion was seconded by Kendall. The motion carried with 3 in favor, 2 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstaining.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m. by Britt, seconded by Carol. All 5 in favor of adjourning the special meeting.



THE WHEELER TIMES
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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

Date: The Regular March Meeting will be held March 25, 2020.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:26pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:19pm.

b. Consider/Take Action on Elementary Principal Contract

c. Consider/Take Action on Secondary Principal Contract

d. Consider/Take Action on Athletic Director/Head Girls'

Basketball Coach

e. Consider/Take Action on Athletic Director/Head Boys' Football Coach

Billy Richardson made a motion to approve all contracts for 2020-21. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Six members voted to accept the motion, no votes against, Ike Finsterwald abstained.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Marshall motioned to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Seven members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

Supt. (from Page 1)

and I am proud to be a part of this Family!

I would also like to thank the parents and community of Wheeler for the support, cooperation and patience you have all provided for us. I certainly know that it will be a trying situation for all of you with your children at home, without childcare for those working, with the loss of income for some; and all the while, now educating your children. Please know that you can contact your teachers or reach out to the school for whatever support we can give. We are all in this together!

Sincerely,
Bryan Markham
Superintendent
Wheeler ISD

Paraprosdokians

You do not need a parachute to skydive.

You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

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FOR SALE: 320 acres of beautiful crop and grassland with one mile of frontage on Hwy 83 located 8 miles south of Wheeler. Creek and tank that fills with ground water. Deer, turkey and quail hunting opportunity. 972-989-8019

FOR SALE: 2688 sf 408 E. 2nd in Shamrock. Recently renovated 4 bed, 1.75 bath with Wood floors in living and dining. Wood burning fireplace, new deck and double carport with storage room. 806-334-0123

FOR SALE/LEASE: 6400 sf insulated warehouse with extensive rack system on 8.46 fenced acres. Gravel parking for heavy duty equipment and trucks. 972-989-8019

FOR LEASE: Townhome - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1 car garage. 972-989-8019.

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Ms. Monica Kidd
Chief Executive Officer
Parkview Hospital
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Dear Ms. Kidd:

It is with great pleasure that the Texas Department of State Health Services re-designates Parkview Hospital as a Basic (Level IV) Trauma Facility in Trauma Service Area-A. This state designation is valid for a three-year period. Your new expiration date is June 1, 2023.

Your hospital is to be commended for its ongoing commitment to ensure quality care is available for trauma patients in its area. Congratulations on this impressive accomplishment. I also want to thank you and your staff for the leadership role you have assumed in the development of our state trauma system.

Please contact Elizabeth Stevenson, R.N., Designation Program Manager via e-mail at Elizabeth.StevensonCddshs.texas.gov, or by phone at (512) 8346700, if you need further assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

John Hellerstedt, M.D.

cc: Carissa McCarter, R.N., Trauma Program Manager
Kate Schaefer, RAC Chair
PJ Lemons, RAC Executive Director



CHURCH ON THE SQUARE: Cornerstone Church conducted church services on the square Sunday; (l. to r.) Marianne Smith, Erron Merser and Leon Smith.



—Photo by Leon Smith

Leroy, Stormie and Rhonda Meriwether at "Church on the Square".



—Photo by Leon Smith

Senior Moms and Helpers.

Happy (from Page 1)

is actively encouraging commercial customers to call and learn about the SBA's Paycheck Protection Plan."

"We're very Happy the Senate and House pulled together to pass the CARES Act this morning," said Hickman. "We've been watching its progress and it appears to be a wonderful program to help small businesses weather this storm and get back on their feet."

Hickman says that businesses affected by the COVID-19 situation can contact their Happy loan officers or local branches and get started on gathering the information needed to apply for the new SBA loan and grant programs. The loans are 100% SBA guaranteed loans and can be forgiven if the funds are used to pay and retain employees.

"There are grant funds, loans that can be forgiven, and tax breaks. You can use your tax dollars to survive this crisis. While we have a good grasp on the ins-and-outs of these programs, we also know that there will be some changes as the program takes off. We are excited to help our business customers navigate through these regulations. Whether you are self-employed or running a business with hundreds of employees, you need to call us and find out how you and

your circumstances may fit into the Paycheck Protection Program. You have lots to gain, and literally, nothing to lose", added Hickman.

With assets of \$3.8 billion, HAPPY STATE BANK & TRUST CO is headquartered

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from March 23, 2020 to March 24, 2020.

MARCH 23, 2020
ABSTRACT of JUDGMENT-Cavalry SPV I LLC, et al to Wanda Francis, 3-2-20.

ASSIGN. BILL of SALE-Randy Galmor to Barker Family Trust, et al, 3-13-20, See Instrument.
ASSIGN. BILL of SALE-Randy Galmor to Barker Family Trust, et al, 3-13-20, See Instrument.
ASSIGN. BILL of SALE-Randy Galmor to Barker Family Trust, 3-13-20, See Instrument.

MARCH 24, 2020
DVL-Leo C. Lee, et al to Tye D. Sims, et ux, 3-23-20, Sec. 19, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

DT-Tye D. Sims, et ux to Plains Land Bank FLCA, 3-23-20, Sec. 19, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
C/C PROBATE-Dorothy Ann Henderson to Ex Parte, 3-18-20.

WELL-BORE ASSIGN. BILL of SALE-CXA Oil & Gas Holdings LP to Spur Operating LLC, 3-13-20, See Instrument.

in Amarillo, Texas and was founded in 1908 in Happy, Texas. A state-chartered community bank, the Happy Bank offers a broad range of financial services and products through its network of 43 locations in 32 communities throughout the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex as well as an extensive network of ATMs. Happy State Bank can be found online at happybank.com. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

Storm (from Page 1)

and Pop's. I miss band and voice and all my teachers. I miss seeing my family and friends. It is very different. There are some things that I love! My mom's cooking is the best I ever put into my mouth and I love it every day when she cooks. I will never get tired of her food. Thank you, Mom, for the best time ever! Mom is teaching me how to cook some things and we are cleaning on the house and organizing things.

"School" is not too bad. I can work whenever I want. I work some in the morning and some in the afternoon, but I can also take a break and go check my cows and help Dad build fence.

It is fun to find new baby calves! I have all my cows named now. They are wonderful mommas and good baby sitters.

After we eat at night, we all clean the kitchen and I sweep the floor. Then it is movie time! We take turns choosing what we watch. I am loving this!

My sweet Henry cat had to go to Dr Lee Ann to be neutered. I don't think he was too happy about that.

I am so glad I finally have a cat

I love that "Henry Standing Bear." That's it!

LEXOPHILIA

• Jokes about German sausage are the worst.

• I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

• I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

• This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

Chat (from Page 1)

been going to art an it is shut down.

— cwe —

I did manage to get the lawn mowed last week with Barbara's help; she picked up the sticks. As you can imagine there are lots of sticks from all our old trees.

— cwe —

Rhonda's 'pretty purple flowers' were so thick in places that I could hardly mow through them.

— cwe —

Returned Monday to find the yard needed to be mowed again, due to dandelions. Spraying is ordered.

— cwe —

When I got to OKC, the back yard at Jennifer's needed mowing. Some kind of grass is trying to take over the back yard; spraying did not kill it, and it is time to mow again.

— cwe —

Let me know what is going on with you.

— cwe —

LEXOPHILIA

• When chemists die, they barium.

• I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

• I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

• Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

• I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

• Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

• When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

• Broken pencils are pointless.

with an extensive vocabulary?



These two windows at the bank were a message to the Senior Class of 2020, but we all will have to "just roll with it."



Stormie is receiving help with her homework from Dad.



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640 +/- acres NW of Shamrock: 480 acres of excellent stand of grass. 160 acres of triticale. Like new steel working pens near center of place with barn. Water piped under pressure to (2) 30 ft. steel troughes with concrete floors, less than 5 years old. Extra good premiter fences and cross fences. Small pond, trees and brush provide cover for substantial numbers of Wildlife (Deer, Turkey, Hogs, Quail and Dove). 2 RV setups with water and electricity to use as hunting camp. Possible to deveop for irrigation.

New Listing: 640+/- acres 8 miles NW of Shamrock, 440 acres solid stand of grass in CRP, **under contract** in October 2020. Balance native grass with topographical changes. 1/4 mile from North Fork Red River Bottom. Good fences. Spectacular hunting and recreational possibilities.

New On Market: 80 +/- acres of CRP expiring October 2020, located 9 miles north of Shamrock. Excellent stand of grass, good fences, Hunting potential. Great location for a home.



The Posse's work is complete.

Xcel (from Page 1)

ident, Xcel Energy – Texas. "And the new Hale Wind Project near Plainview uses the power of the free and abundant wind to make electricity, further driving these savings."

In addition to the lower fuel costs, Xcel Energy is moving ahead with its plan to refund \$39.4 million to Texas customers in June – the third time Xcel Energy has refunded fuel costs since January 2019.

The fuel cost factor collects the pass-through costs of coal and natural gas that fuel area power plants, as well as the cost of electricity imported into the area from other suppliers. The factor was last changed in July 2019, resulting in a 5% drop in typical residential bills.

The 2019 fuel cost reduction was put in place after the Hale Wind Project began supplying electricity from its 239 turbines in Hale County. Since then, construction started on Xcel Energy's Sagamore Wind Project near Portales, New Mexico, in Roosevelt County. Wind energy from Sagamore will benefit both New Mexico and Texas customers and reduce fuel costs even further in 2021.

New transmission lines are also helping to lower fuel costs by building efficiencies into the regional grid and creating additional pathways for the import of less expensive energy from the wider power market outside the area. Additional Detail:

□ Fuel costs currently make up about 17% of a typical residential bill and are passed through dollar-for-dollar to customers with no profit to Xcel Energy. Base rate charges account for the remaining share of a monthly bill, and a separate proposal to increase base rates to cover grid enhancements is pending with the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

□ From 2017 through 2019, the Texas average residential rate per kilowatt-hour declined 7.6% because of lower fuel costs.

□ Xcel Energy's business and industrial customers in Texas also will see lower bills related to the April 1 change in fuel cost factors.

□ The fuel cost factor in Texas can be adjusted up to three times per year to reflect changing market conditions.

□ Fuel costs for New Mexico customers and wholesale customers such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities are adjusted monthly, and already reflect the savings that will reduce Texas bills.

□ Xcel Energy passes along 100 percent of the wind energy federal production tax credits generated by the Hale Wind Project to customers through the fuel cost factor, further enhancing savings from using more wind energy.

□ Both the Hale and Sagamore wind energy plants will play large roles in helping Xcel Energy reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2030.

□ Preliminary analysis shows that Xcel Energy's Texas-New Mexico generating mix in 2019 was 47% natural gas, 25% coal, 26% wind and 2% solar.

Signup (from Page 1)

Reserve Program is one of our nation's largest conservation endeavors and is critical in helping producers better manage their operations while conserving valuable natural resources," Gary Six, State Executive Director said. "The program marked its 35th anniversary this year, and we were quite pleased to see one of our largest signups in many years." Over these 35 years, CRP has addressed multiple concerns while ensuring the most competitive offers are selected by protecting fragile and environmentally sensitive lands, improving water quality, enhancing wildlife populations, providing pollinator forage habitat, sequestering carbon in soil and enhancing soil productivity. Seventy percent of the nation's land is owned and tended privately, and America's farmers, ranchers and landowners have willingly stepped up to protect the environment and natural resources. This general signup included offers for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE), which allows producers to install practices that benefit high-priority, locally developed wildlife conservation objectives using targeted restoration of vital habitat. Over 95 percent of SAFE offers submitted were accepted under this general signup representing more than 487,500 acres. This acceptance level highlights the commitment to SAFE as an important part of CRP. The 2018 Farm Bill established a nationwide acreage limit for CRP, with the total number of acres that may be enrolled capped at 24.5 million acres in 2020 and growing to 27 million by 2023. While the deadline for general CRP signup was February 28, 2020, signups for continuous CRP, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, CRP Grasslands and the Soil Health and Income Protection Program (SHIPP) are ongoing. The CRP Grasslands deadline is May 15, and the SHIPP signup begins March 30, 2020, and ends August 21, 2020. Continuous and Grasslands enrollments are available nationwide. All counties located within the Prairie Pothole region states of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota are eligible for SHIPP. This spring, FSA will roll out a new pilot conservation program, the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers 30 (CLEAR 30). USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with our producers by phone, and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus. For state-by-state information on general signup results, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp. # USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

Bob (from Page 1)

out on the family farm east of Wheeler to Weldon O'Dell Weatherly and Grace House Weatherly. Bob graduated from Wheeler High School in 1952, joined the R.O.T.C. and went on to graduate from West Texas State in Canyon. He also served in the US Army during the Korean War while stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso as an Artillery Specialist. In 1961 he married Delores Mullins, and from this union they had three children, Stacy, Quincy and Rodney. While living in Happy, Texas he worked at the Case House while training in Tulia and then later at Clarendon at the ASCS office. He lived in Hartley and Pecos eventually moving to Wellington working as the head of the ASCS office until his retirement.

He returned to his hometown of Wheeler and worked as a cattle buyer for Heritage Beef Cattle. On December 20, 2003 he married Glenda Foote McCasland and they have made their home in Wheeler for the past 16 years where Bob has been active in the cattle business.

Bob was loved and known by his grandkids as PaPaw, PaPa and Bob O. He had a generous heart for others and loved people. He is loved and missed by many family and friends. He also had a love for cattle, old cars and a good business deal.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Rodney Weatherly; sister, Peggy Ford, and brother, Cloys Weatherly. Survivors include his wife, Glenda Weatherly of the home; daughters, Stacy Hood and husband, Joel, of Jacksboro, Texas, Lindsey McCasland Thiessen and husband, Kent, of Elk City, Oklahoma; sons, Quincy Weatherly and wife, Cindy, of Wellington, Texas, Lee McCasland and wife, Amy, of Edmond, Oklahoma, Layne McCasland and wife, Taylor, of Leesville, Texas; grandkids, Jacie Hood of Dallas, Texas, Alyssa Erwin and husband, Matthew, of Decatur, Texas, Koby Hood of Denton, Texas, Karson Hood of Lubbock, Texas, Joshua Weatherly of Wellington, Texas, Jacob Weatherly and wife, Alisha, of Wellington, Texas, Monty McCasland of Dallas, Texas, Madison McCasland of Lubbock, Texas, Tyler Thiessen and wife, Payton, of Elk City, Oklahoma, Travis Thiessen and wife, Nicole, of Elk City, Oklahoma, Chance and Brody Thiessen of Elk City, Oklahoma; great-grand kids, Cooper and Savana Erwin, Quade and Barrett Weatherly, Haven Thiessen, Taytum, Taylee, Taygan Thiessen.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to North Wheeler County Ambulance, 201 East 7th Street, Wheeler, Tx. 79096;

High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114, and Tipton Children's Home, P.O. Box 370 Tipton, OK 73570

Carter (from Page 1)

Pampa, Texas in 1948. They were married 67 years when Carl passed away and Peggy went to live with her daughter Lynna Crockett in Shamrock.

Peggy took her job as a homemaker seriously. She made a home for Carl and her children wherever they lived and her family was her priority. She loved her friends and family with a passion and always stood ready to help them when she could. She ran the Clarendon College cafeteria for sixteen years in Clarendon, Texas and loved the many kids who came through the lines in the cafeteria.

Peggy was raised a farm girl and loved the land and the rural life. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a positive outlook on life. She was resilient and taught by example how to deal with life's ups and downs without letting life make you bitter and defeated. She will truly be missed.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Carl; daughter Diane and son Wayne.

She is survived by her sisters, Kitty Nincehelter of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Virginia Holwick and husband, Bob, of McLean, Texas; her son, Steve Carter and wife, Tammy, of McLean, Texas, her daughter, Lynna Crockett and husband, Bill, of Shamrock, Texas; six grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren. Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com

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43. Knowing
44. Radar screen image
45. Old Italian money
46. Left-hand page
47. Airport pickup
66. Clear the blackboard
68. Long, long time
69. Ever and ____
70. See eye to eye
71. Hand over
72. Was a passenger
73. Skewer treat
74. "____ what?"
75. All hands on deck

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19. Lay to rest
20. Painter's medium
21. Take a chair
23. Electrifying swimmer
24. Fracture
26. Box for carrying bricks
28. Smartphone setting
33. Remove from office
37. Nothing special
40. Crew member
41. "The ____ Duckling"
42. Knighted Guinness

48. Warty hopper
49. Firm, as pasta
51. Like some socks
53. Riverbank romper
57. Yank
60. 9-to-5 period, for many
65. Before, to Burns

Down
1. Fat cat
2. TV studio sign
3. Subway entrance
4. "Are we there ____?"
5. Pastrami purveyor
6. Radiate

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- Watch over
- Nabisco treat
- African horned mammal
- Charge carrier
- Lavish affection (on)
- Delhi butter
- Sandwich man?
- Word with bum or bunny
- "I envy Seas, ____ He rides"
- Shade of green
- Man's close-fitting jacket
- Swagger
- Wheel on a spur
- Blue ribbon, e.g.
- Short-winded
- Wrinkly fruit
- Slight
- Proof goof
- Pepper's partner
- Mishmash
- Hospital fluids
- Delivery from Santa
- Nerd
- Pavarotti, notably
- Eat away
- Take up again
- Deck material
- Egg on
- Dress
- Torture device
- Eager
- Extinct flightless bird
- All over again
- Poseidon's domain
- ____ de Triomphe

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