

4th Of July Celebration Scheduled

The 35th Annual 4th of July Celebration in Wheeler will take place around the Wheeler Courthouse Square on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th. In an effort to support our local businesses, most everything will be moved to downtown. We will move forward with a 3-Tier System approach that is based on # of positive

cases in and around Wheeler County prior to the 4th to determine which tier we will follow. As of now, we have the following activities planned with respect to guidelines and suggestions of our leaders.

ends host LIVE Music featuring local guest DJs in conjunction with Cornerstone's "Bring Back the Drag". For the 1st time, we hope to start a new tradition for the community, a North VS South Fireworks Pop Off Competition. This competition will see which side of Highway 152 can bring the BEST Fireworks Show. Highway 152 will split to determine North vs. South. The competition will only last an hour and the winner(s) of the competition will be announced. (Continued Page 2)



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"Wheeler: town of friendship and pride"

Funds Available To Add Conduit To Texas Street Sidewalk Project

Minutes of the Wheeler City Council Meeting

Regular Session on April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 505 Alan L. Bean Blvd

Council present: Mayor Bob McCain, Amy Zybach, Kendall Hefley, Tammy Moore, and Britt McCarter

Carol Porton arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Others present: Kristen Moudy, Paul Arganbright, and Kristi Petit

Monica Kidd via phone

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McCain at 6:05 p.m. The opening prayer was led by Britt McCarter.

Amy Zybach motioned to approve the March regular session minutes as presented. Britt seconded the motion. The motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Britt motioned to approve the March 23rd special meeting minutes, seconded by Tammy. The motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Council woman Carol Porton entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

After review of monthly bills, Amy made the motion to approve payment of all monthly bills, seconded by Kendall.



Congratulations, Johnny and Donna Velasquez, celebrating their 50th anniversary.

— cwe —

Happy State Bank salutes the Wheeler Eighth Grade graduates with a panel on Page 6.

— cwe —

Cross Country Barn shows the Wheeler Seniors receiving their diplomas.

— cwe —

The courthouse picture and the sunset were such pretty pictures, I could not resist

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STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, This world is crazy. I am glad I live in Wheeler, Texas! Our policemen are nice and try to help people. I don't know what George Floyd did, but for a policeman to put his knee on his neck and kill him is just wrong. How can people just stand there and watch? Everyone should be treated equally. This is sad.

We didn't get to have a Big Family party for my Dad's birthday. Baba made him a cake. It was delicious! We put candles on it and gave him his presents. I hope we can have a huge party for him next year. He will be eighty.

We put on masks and took (Continued Page 4)

Motion carried with all 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstaining.

After review of March financial statements, Amy motioned to approve the March financial statements after a transfer was made to move the money used to pay for the water rights acquisition from General account to the Water and Sewer account. The motion was seconded by Britt. The motion carried with all 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Monica Kidd addressed the Council via phone. The Council answered her concerns on the airport. She now is aware that the airport is functional, but does not offer fuel.

Kristen Moudy gave the monthly EDC and Chamber updates. She also shared information about additional funding for lighting conduit for our Texas Avenue sidewalk beautification project, and that the 2021 CDBG application for additional funding is available. She will have more information by next meeting.

Paul Arganbright gave the monthly maintenance report.

Amy made the motion, seconded by Britt, to move that we approve the Commercial Lease Agreement with ONEOK WestTex Transmissions, LLC for approximately 10.33 acres of land, together with the buildings and other improvements on it, locally known as 16255 Highway 152, Wheeler, Texas, with the final legal description to be inserted as soon as it is received. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent, and 0 abstaining.

Tammy Moore informed the Council of updates to the pool policy. No updates were made that needed the approval of the Council.

At 7:15 p.m., Tammy motioned to adjourn, seconded by Kendall. Meeting adjourned with all in favor.



—Photo by Ken Daughtry

Wheeler And Fort Elliott 2020 Seniors Receive Scholarships

Wheeler 2020 graduates receiving scholarships are:

Julia Esmeralda Andrade Martinez—GI Bill from United States Marine Corps valued at \$40,000

Brady Michael Bailey—Mona Jennings Freeman Memorial Golf Scholarship \$1,200.00; Janette Hink Umsted Memorial Scholarship \$1,000.00; 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1,500.00; Wheeler Mustang Booster Scholarship \$500.00; Wheeler Ex-Students & Teachers Association \$1,000.00; Jolene Vise Memorial Scholarship \$1,000.00; Highest Ranked Senior \$25,000.00; Mustang Booster Scoreboard Scholarship \$500.00

Hope Renae Mata—Brandon "Tater Tot" Childress Memorial Scholarship \$500.00; 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship

\$1,500.00; Claudia Marion Small Town Girl Scholarship \$500

Zachary James Butler—1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1500

Alexander Flynn Davis—The Paulus Schroeter Scholarship-Amarillo Area Foundation \$20,000.00 (2500 per semester for 8 semesters); Pride of Wheeler Band Scholarship \$750.00; Wheeler Banking Center \$2,000.00; 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1,500.00; Wheeler Ex-Students & Teachers Association \$1,000.00; Brandon "Tater Tot" Childress Memorial Scholarship \$500.00; Wheeler Mustang Booster Scholarship \$500.00; Janette Hink Umsted Memorial Scholarship \$1,000.00; Mustang Booster Scoreboard Scholarship \$500.00 (Continued Page 2)

COURT HOUSE OPEN: The Wheeler County Courthouse is now open Monday thru Thursday from 8-5 and 8-12 on Friday.

Commissioners' Court

Courthouse Open Regular Hours

May 26, 2020

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 AM to consider matters of mutual concern and consider bills for payment. Member present were: Steve Walker, Bob Hink and John Walker. Judge Hefley and David Simpson were absent. Commissioner John Walker presided. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-County Clerk and Nichole Mock-County Auditor.

Court was opened with a prayer offered by Bob Hink.

At 10:00 the above remained in attendance and were joined by Wes Crites-Sheriff; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector, Mark Brown-JP #1; Rick Walden-JP #2; and Ken Daughtry Emergency Management.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action needed.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FEE REPORTS

Steve Walker made a motion which was seconded by Bob Hink to approve the following monthly fee reports: Tax Collector-March 2020 and April 2020; Treasurer-March 2020; and Treasurers disbursement report for the

period covering May 12, 2020 through May 21, 2020 and totaling \$114,775.5C Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS No action needed.

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

POLICY MANUAL

No action needed.

BURN BAN

No action taken.

COURTHOUSE OPENING/CLOSURE OF OUTSIDE DOORS

After discussion, it was determined that the current Disaster Declaration covers the period ending May 31, 2020 and it will expire if not extended. Therefore, the court did not take action to open or close the doors. If not extended, the courthouse will open to the public on June 1, 2020.

AUDITOR-CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LICENSE PRESENTED

Nichole Mock, County Auditor, presented her CPA license renewal.

Steve Walker made a motion which was seconded by Bob Hink to accept the copy of the CPA License renewal disbursement report for the (Continued Page 2)



—Photo by Gina Seitz

TWO FAVORITE THINGS: Gina Seitz captured this sunset; the sunset and windmill are her two favorite things to photograph.

Merely Mustard

I bought a new notebook today. It is a simple pleasure, and one that is cheap enough to indulge in from time to time, or as often as the need arises. The one I bought is a 3-subject spiral notebook, but roughly a ¼ sized version; the pages are nominally 9.5 inches by 6 inches. I have a particular use for the notebook, and it will begin to serve its purpose tomorrow, but even if I didn't have a need or a use in mind, a new notebook is not without its own intrinsic benefits.

What on earth could those be? Well, for one thing there is the opportunity to admire an unblemished created product. This phenomenon is present in all almost man-

ufactured goods, (save the items that are made so poorly that it is depressing to consider a manufacturer paid people to make them that way, and probably paid them such a meager wage it is dishonorable – most of the items that fit this description are made in China). So there is the newness factor that tends toward admiration, although there are some goods, such as a pair of boots, for which the admiration increases as time goes on, after they break-in and develop some character, not to mention the experiences which they might have accompanied the wearer to or through (it seems this phenomenon also applies to (Continued Page 5)

(from Page 1) nounced on Saturday after our Awards Ceremony and before the big fireworks show presented by the WVFD.

On Saturday, July 4th start-

ing at 7:30 am we will kick off our 35th Annual Celebration on the Square with Breakfast on the Square. The Parade will start at 9:00 am but will take a different route this year, to be sure and include

our Parkview Assisted Living and Wheeler Nursing Home residents but will end up at the Courthouse Square. We will publish a more detailed map for the parade route. The Opening Ceremonies will begin at 10:00 am and kick off with numerous activities and vendors around the Courthouse Square.

We will not be hosting the Firecracker Pageant, the Fun Run, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament or bounce houses this year. There will not be a chamber booth to purchase tickets, you will just pay for things as needed per vendor. Some activities that will cost would be face painting, water games, Crafty Shack - Come and Go Kid's Crafts, confetti eggs and water games. If you are interested in being a vendor (food or activity), please email chamber@wheeler-texas.org for more details on our protocols in place. We will host a turtle/frog race, so you can be on the lookout for either.

This year we will host the first "Wheeler's Got Talent" Show that will showcase our talented locals and we will be awarding with ca\$h prizes!! We will be announcing the signup deadline and more details very soon. Those that make it to the finals will be the LIVE Entertainment for Saturday evening.

To wrap up the day, we will have "Wheeler's Got Talent" Finale, the Chamber "of the Year" Awards Ceremony and our Friends of Veterans will present (14) Quilts to our local veterans. We will then announce the winner of the North vs South Fireworks Pop Off Competition and then hand it over to the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department for one of the best fireworks shows around.

We are not seeking sponsors this year, as we understand the hardships and complications due to COVID-19, and do not want to put a burden on any business. Our intentions would be that we can bring the community together in a safe and acceptable way

while respecting one another and supporting our local businesses and organizations.

We look forward to another fun-filled 4th of July Celebration!

Scholar. (from Page 1) arship \$500.00; Panhandle Groundwater Scholarship \$3,000.00

Daisy Nayeli Duenez—Brandon "Tater Tot" Childress Memorial Scholarship \$500.00; 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1,500.00

Ian Nikolas Finsterwald—Jolene Vise Memorial Scholarship \$1000

Baldemar Gallardo Rocha—Mustang Booster Scoreboard Scholarship

Comm. (from Page 1) as presented by Nichole Mock. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER-2nd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT APPROVED

Renee Warren, County Treasurer, presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2020 which reflects interest earned in the amount of \$44,180.82. The year to date interest is \$107,711.36.

Steve Walker made a motion which was seconded by Bob Hink to approve the 2nd Quarter Investment Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT- Purchase of new Server for Dispatch and Jail, no action taken.

PCT #2-ROAD CUT GRANTED BLACK BEARD OPERATING LLC-County Road 20

Bob Hink made a motion which was seconded by Steve Walker to grant Black Beard Operating LLC a permit to cut County Road 20, from Section 18 to Section 19, Camp County School Land. Motion carried unanimously.

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\$500.00; 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1,500.00; Wheeler Ex-Students & Teachers Association \$1,000.00

Paden Louis Markham—Pride of Wheeler Band Scholarship \$750.00; Wheeler Mustang Booster Scholarship \$500.00; Janette Hink Umsted Memorial Scholarship \$1,000.00; 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1,500.00; Jolene Vise Memorial Scholarship \$1,000.00; Mustang Booster Scoreboard Scholarship \$500.00; Mona Jennings Freeman Memorial Golf Scholarship \$1,200.00; M.S. & Meek Lane Doss Scholarship \$1000 yearly with potential of yearly renewal; North-

Plains Electric Cooperative Scholarship--\$1,500; Tressa Perry Memorial Scholarship--\$1,000
Journey Laen Sorrell—San Antonio Stockshow and Rodeo-- \$6000; Area Officer Scholarship-- \$500; Ja'Nae Goad Scholarship--



Seems really weird to be in the library after our lengthy stay away and no contact with patrons. I would come in and work and it felt so lonesome but, I was always be greeted with a huge pile of returned books or s BIG PILE of toilet paper & paper towel rolls! All I can say is that I'm really excited to be back in the saddle again and get things moving along! I ask that you bring in your books and we will slide fines because of the circumstances. We are really looking forward to seeing our Patron's!

There were new books that came in around March but there have been no deliveries of any others so we are hoping that will change soon. I'm not sure what the delivery situation is but our books come from warehouses on the East Coast so that should tell you what you need to know. We are trying to be patient with all the delays as I'm sure you have encountered also.

Also, our Fax and Phones are on the blink so if you need something please text 806-570-8734 and I will be glad to help you with what ever!

Hope to see you in the library soon!

Vicki Ferguson/Librarian

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from May 21, 2020 to May 29, 2020.

MAY 21, 2020
No Recording
MAY 22, 2020

MEMORANDUM of TRUST-Ken R. Reiswig (Trustee), et al to Revocable Trust Agreement of Ken R. Reiswig and Marshall R. Reiswig, 4-29-20, NE/4 Sec. 50, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey, (Mineral Interest).

CEMETERY DEED-City of Shamrock to Dale Simpson, et ux, 5-18-20, Spaces 1 & 2, Lot 2, Blk. N-2, Shamrock Cemetery.

MD-Clifford LeRoy Kenyon to Tammy Straube, 11-20-15, All Mineral Interest in Wheeler County.

MAY 25, 2020
Holiday

MAY 26, 2020
RDT-Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., et al to Tricia DeAnn Stroope, 5-18-20, See Instrument.

DEED-George Boeck, et ux to Robert Mark Edwards, 5-20-20, N/2 Lot 4, Blk. XC, Romans Addition, Shamrock.
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east Panhandle Teachers Federal Credit Union \$500
Chase Wayne Helton—Wester Equipment Scholarship \$17,000 in addition to tools; Wheeler Volunteer Fire Dept Scholarship \$500

Saray Jaquez—Wheeler Ex-Students & Teachers Association \$1,000.00; 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1,500.00

Josue Daniel Sigala Gonzalez— 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1,500.00

Valeria Ivonne Tintori—Mona Jennings Freeman Memorial Golf Scholarship \$1,200.00; 1st Lt Ben Britt Scholarship \$1,500.00; Mike & Kimberly Newland Scholarship \$500.00; Los Barrios Scholarship \$1000; Wheeler Lions Club Sweetheart Scholarship \$500; Claudia Marion Small Town Girl Scholarship \$500

Fort Elliott
Scholarships were awarded to the following Fort Elliott 2020 graduates:

Logan McLain Hefley—Tarleton State University--\$1,000; Ja'Nae Goad Memorial Scholarship-- \$500; Capital Farm Credit Scholarship--\$1,000

Braley Frank Long—Rodeo Austin--\$16,000; 2 WTAMU Scholarships--\$1000 each.

From Amarillo Area Foundation, Senator Grady and Andrine Hazlewood Scholarship-- \$8000;

Capital Farm Credit Scholarship--- \$1000; Sybil B. Harrington--\$4,000

Hailey Hunter Meadows (State of Texas Highest Ranking Student)—North Plains Electric Cooperative Scholarship--\$1,500; Tressa Perry Memorial Scholarship--\$1,000

Journey Laen Sorrell—San Antonio Stockshow and Rodeo-- \$6000; Area Officer Scholarship-- \$500; Ja'Nae Goad Scholarship--

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LOVE WORTH CELEBRATING: If you know, without a doubt, whose hand you'd reach for in times of trouble or joy, you're lucky. To love someone is to truly see them; to choose to love someone is to make choices of gratitude and selflessness every day. That's what Donna and Johnny Velasquez have done over the past 50 years. They've experienced the beauty and hardship of life, enjoying and enduring together. From a young couple in Wheeler County to newlyweds, then parents, then grandparents, the two have moved through life together with grace, choosing each other over and over again during both happy times and heartbreak. They've built a business, raised three children, traveled, grown, and watched their nine grandchildren become people they're proud of. And even when the roads are rough, they trust God above all things. To the husband and wife whose unconditional love inspires, Happy 50th Anniversary.

— Sophia Velasquez



“Correction does much, but encouragement does more.”

-- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

In God We Trust!



Julia Andrade



Brady Bailey



Kamie Beck



Payne Butler



Rhett Butler



Zach Butler



Alexander Davis



Kiera Hurtado



Daisy Duenez



Ian Finsterwald



Baldemar Gallardo



Kaylee Garza



Paden Markham



Edwin Gaucin



Sebastian Gonzalez



Chase Helton



: Saray Jaquez



Hope Mata



Jasmine Mitchell



Sandra Monarrez



Alondra Perez



Ady Contreras



Josue Sigala



Valeria Tintori

Not Pictured: Gustavo Andrade



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Merely (from Page 1) human relationships, which increase in value as time goes on, and their supportive nature holds true, even after some scuffs have been attained) — but the tendency is to admire and appreciate an unblemished thing. Think about it — what provokes more awe and inspiration — a pristine, untouched mountain scene, or that same mountain after it has been mined for minerals? For most people, the answer would be the unblemished mountain. I will refrain for now from addressing the reality that nature expresses itself as a cycle of blemishing and healing, and leave the concept of “unblemished as simply ‘unused’”. So the notebook is appealing in its integrity - all the pages are there, the wire that forms the spiral binding is not dented or otherwise injured, and the cover is impeccable. Notebooks are offered with all sorts of colors available for the covers. The one I chose is blue. Blue does not generally rank highly on my list of color preferences, but it looks great on this notebook, and was a much better choice than a red or green cover would have been. It happened that

the blue notebook was on top of the stack at the display rack in the store from which I bought the book, but even if it were not, I don't know that I could have made a better choice. Indeed, I didn't even see what was under the blue notebook when I picked it up, so satisfied was I with the providential circumstance of blue being the notebook on top when I was there.

The phenomenon of the appeal of newness certainly applies to my still-unused notebook, as it does almost all products, but all notebooks possess an even deeper allure — that of a seemingly limitless potential. The potential of any notebook is not limitless — indeed mine has a mere 108 pages, which translates into 6,156 square inches of writing space, a plentiful amount for a while, but nowhere near limitless. But its potential gives the appearance of being limitless. It is waiting to contain with whatever I can fill it with - simple or profound, or profoundly simple, or simply banal, whatever the case, my pages await my pen. It is 108 cases of carte blanche, upon which I may act as if I were the creator of the universe, filling them (or not) as I pleased. The notebook won't judge my input as to its accuracy or fallacy (or even legibility, thankfully), or whether it was worth the space it consumed. In a sense, each mark I make is an act that says “This mark

is worthy of the pulp that was sacrificed in order to allow it to be made.” In a way it can be thought of as each word written being a little scratch, or a tiny nick into a tree, and that thought makes me feel a measure of guilt as to the length of these pieces I write versus the value (or lack thereof) they contain — I think if trees could talk they could argue convincingly that these words are not worthy of sacrificing any amount of plant life to bear them in print.

Regardless, it is this prospect of potential, with respect to a new notebook, that is the most appealing to me, but in truth, this prospect appeals to me wherever I see it, and it happens that I see it in many places. Each day can be seen this way, and I would argue that we benefit when we view each new day in this light. In fact, the times I know I may be in for a struggle are times when even the promise of a new day is impeded or overshadowed by some of yesterday's troubles, that sleep and a new dawn prove ineffective at shaking off. They become like a “dead tomorrow, planted yesterday”, as a poet said. But the dawning of a new day is merely a convenient example of this

expression of potential that I mentioned. A new car, a new job, new idea (or sometimes an old idea), some product or service purchased — all of these are examples of things that possess the potential to change things, with the assumed intention being to change things for the better. So in a small way this note-

book represents a vast potential for creation, or maybe more precisely it represents a receptacle in which to gather as much potential as it can hold. And when it is filled, I will take pleasure in the fact that a new one can be had for only a few dollars, and the whole process then repeats itself. But for now, it remains, unal-

tered, prominently located on my desk, for my admiration, a simple pleasure that contains more significance than I thought when I purchased it a few hours ago. Like many things, and many people, their significance and value are only properly appreciated in hindsight.



Fort Elliott Seniors give their caps a toss after graduation.



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“Wheeler's town of friendship and pride”

Lexophile

... Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.
... The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
... He had a photographic

memory which was never developed.
... When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
... Acupuncture is a jab well

done. That's the point of it.
• All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Wheeler Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30pm, June 24, 2020 in WISD School Cafeteria Wheeler, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 0.9664 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.18 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>6.3521</u>	% increase	or	<u> </u>	% (decrease)
Debt service	<u> </u>	% increase	or	<u>0.1443</u>	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>6.2078</u>	% increase	or	<u> </u>	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>309,680,040</u>	\$ <u>272,388,763</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>1,223,510</u>	\$ <u>736,160</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>297,437,930</u>	\$ <u>260,297,973</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>456,200</u>	\$ <u>325,510</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 4,775,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ <u>0.97</u>	\$ <u>0.15*</u>	\$ <u>1.12</u>	\$ <u>7889</u>	\$ <u>5149</u>
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ <u>0.98278</u>	\$ <u>0.16225*</u>	\$ <u>1.14503</u>	\$ <u>6441</u>	\$ <u>6437</u>
Proposed Rate	\$ <u>0.96640</u>	\$ <u>0.18000*</u>	\$ <u>1.14640</u>	\$ <u>6467</u>	\$ <u>6588</u>

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ <u>80,261</u>	\$ <u>83,250</u>
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ <u>54,704</u>	\$ <u>57,518</u>
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ <u>1.12</u>	\$ <u>1.1464</u>
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ <u>612.68</u>	\$ <u>659.39</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ <u>46.71</u>

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.1464. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.1464.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>6,259,357</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>519,318</u>

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

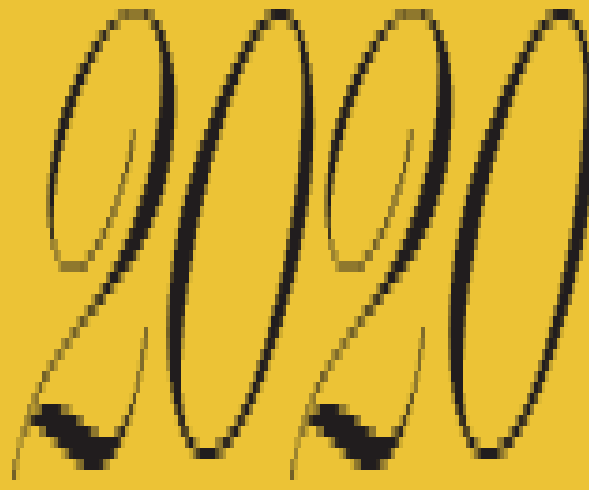
Wheeler Eighth Grade Class



Macy Robinson,
Valedictorian



Wes Shaw,
Salutatorian



Austin Adkins



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Isaiah Chavez



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