

Wheeler Receives 2.15" Rain

No other Area Rainfall Amounts Reported Friday	
Monday Mobeetie	1.05"
Scout Camp	1.27"
Wheeler	0.25:



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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



As you can see at the top of the page, Wheeler received 2.15" of rain Friday.

— cwe —

A shower Monday afternoon passed us; we received only a few sprinkles.

— cwe —

The school calendar shows school will start August 19. Less than three weeks away.

— cwe —

We are supposed to get the school calendar for the year with football and basketball schedules Wednesday of this week.

— cwe —

It is time for the city, school and county to be working on their budget for the next year. I hope they keep in mind the amount their overall evaluation has dropped and cut their spending accordingly.

— cwe —

Taxpayers need to take notice and respond when a budget hearing is scheduled; this

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STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, Oklahoma has sod farms. That's where they grow grass. We needed some grass for our yard in OKC. We went to the sod farm to get it. It was a beautiful place. It was like a huge lawn that was perfect. Our sod was in rolls on a pallet. They loaded it with a fork lift. A man was supposed to be at our house at 8:00 a. m. on Saturday. He was going to lay the sod in our yard. That didn't happen. We started at 7:30 getting ready. He didn't come so we kept working. In a little while our neighbor, Scott, came over. He helped us and we got the job done. It was not hard except the rolls of sod get really heavy.

It was a busy day in the city. The next thing was someone came to install internet. He did all the work on that job. Then we were supposed to get a new dishwasher. It was to be there early enough for us to be in Shamrock to see Katherine (Woolard) in her dance recital. I could not believe it! The man that was supposed to install the dish-

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City Purchases \$60,000 Pumper Truck For W.V.F.D; Engineering Approved for Downtown Renovation

Minutes of the Wheeler City Council Meeting

Regular Session – June 15, 2020 at 6:00PM in City Hall

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

Also present: Kristi Petit, Lyndi Smith, Ken Daughtry, Kristen Moudy, Paul Arganbright, Paige Witthar, Jodie Remy, Robert Ford and Bobby McNeil

At 6:00 PM, Mayor McCain called the meeting to order.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer given by Britt McCarter.

Kendall made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented, seconded by Carol. The motion carried with all 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

The monthly bills were presented, and Britt made the motion to approve payment to Hefley Hardware, seconded by Tammy. The motion carried with 4 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 1 abstaining.

Kendall made the motion to

approve payment of all other monthly bills, seconded by Britt. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

After Jodi Remy and Bobby McNeil presented their traffic/speeding concerns, the Council responded with discussion and ideas for a solution, including the possibility of stop signs at the suggested areas.

Fire Chief Robert Ford asked the City Council for a new Pumper Truck costing \$60,000 at the City's expense. Kendall made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Britt. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

Paige Witthar with PRPC presented Resolution 2020.02, asking the Council to consider possible action of proposals received for engineering services for application to the 2020 Downtown Revitalization Program and associated Engineering consideration if funded. Tammy made a motion to approve proposals, seconded by

OIL AND GAS APPRECIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR AUGUST 14-15

The Elk City Chamber of Commerce Oil and Gas Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament will take place August 14th and 15th, celebrating its 50th year anniversary. The tournament will be held at the Elk City Golf and Country Club and serves as a thank you to the oil and gas industry for being an integral part of our community. According to the Committee Chair, Debbie Smoot, the event began in 1971 and has had a reputation of being a premiere tournament, not only in Elk City, but one that stretches across the state.

"This year is unique because as we started making plans to have the traditional dinner and festivities, COVID - 19 hit. We had planned on having a catered dinner followed by a band/dance but had to change those plans so that all the events were held outdoors. To make up for the loss of these events we will have more door prizes and increased prize money in all

four flights. Plus, there will be more giveaways throughout the day," Smoot said.

Tournament registration has always been full, with a loaded roster as well as an overflowing waiting list. Because so many oilfield companies have left the area, the committee has gone through the waiting list, inviting teams to play in the annual event.

"We still have openings and if anyone would like to register a team, contact the Elk City Chamber. This will be the first time that we have gone through the waiting list, seeking teams to fill the vacancies. This year, teams will be able to be added to the tournament or put on the waiting list. Traditionally there have been teams waiting for five to six years to just get their names moved up on that list to actually get a spot in the tournament. Now, everyone who was on the list has had an opportunity to enter the tournament and we are

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Carol. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

Ken Daughtry presented Exhibits A, B & C of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to the Council for approval, which will aid the City in Coronavirus related necessities. Amy made the motion to approve, seconded by Carol. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

2020.01 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Wheeler desires to apply to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for infrastructure assistance through the 2020 Downtown Revitalization program, and;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act included in Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code provides for contractual agreements between governmental entities, and;

WHEREAS, 2 CFR 200.318(e) encourages the use of interlocal agreements from the federal level, and;

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Agriculture has issued a recommendation that communities applying under the 2020 Downtown Revitalization program consider contracting professional services

Commissioners' Court

\$35,008 Spent On Disinfectant Machines

The Commissioners' Court of Wheeler County, Texas, met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 9:00 am. 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 and to take action on the follow posted agenda.

First on the agenda was discussion and possible action regarding tax abatement agreement with Ecolomondo Corp, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The court approved the tax abatement.

Court reconvened at 10:00 to address the nineteen items on the agenda for this session of the meeting.

• There were no minutes to be approved.

for grant application preparation and potential grant administration (if funded) prior to application submission, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Wheeler desires to contract the grant application preparation and potential grant administration (if funded) of

its 2020 Downtown Revitalization Program application for Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG)

- Downtown Revitalization program funds through an interlocal cooperation contractual agreement with the Pan-

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Event to promote communities along Veterans Memorial Highway, US 83, cancelled for 2020

Texas Panhandle communities along US Highway 83 have regretfully cancelled their 2nd Annual multi-day, family-friendly "Wild & Free on 83: event, according to Wheeler Chamber of Commerce director Kristen Moudy.

In 2019, the towns of Canadian, Wheeler, Shamrock, Wellington and Childress participated in four days full of fun from Thursday, August 1 through Sunday, August 4.

Wild & Free on 83 included music, art exhibits, scavenger hunts, helicopter tours, clay shoots, cookouts, block parties, golf tournaments, star watching, wine tasting and much more.

Area residents had been invited to discover the rich heritage of these communities by visiting points of interest in each town. Even though scheduled events are cancelled, there are still great opportunities to visit local museums, stores and points of interest.

"It's an easy drive over for most people in the Panhandle," said Moudy. with the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Center. "We hope our friends from neighboring towns will come experience what we have to offer along Highway 83 and learn . . .

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• Reports from the County Offices were accepted. County Treasurer: disbursement for the period of June 23-July 8, 2020—\$199,977.63; and July 24-22, 2020—\$81,374.66.

• No action was taken on Budget Amendments.

• No Budget Transfers were made.

• There were no Line Item Transfers to be approved.

• No revisions to Wheeler County Policy Manual

• No action was taken on the burn ban.

• The court approved the Bond for Nichole Mock.

• Renee Warren reported the Third Quarter Public Funds Investment interest earned to be \$181,575.40.

• The E-Verify Services Memorandum of Understanding was approved. The County has to follow this memo-

random when hiring new employees. The state has to run a check on the individual's background and give their approval before the county can hire them.

• The purchase of six Clo-rox 360 Electrostatic Sprayer Disinfectant machines for the Courthouse, Agri-Life, Jail, Precinct and other facilities for a cost of approximately \$35,008.00 or \$5,835.00 each.

• The Resolution for TxDot's CTIF project was approved.

• The Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2021 were left the same.

• Cindy Brown presented the Certified Tax Roll to the Court.

Wheeler County Certified Taxable Values: Net Taxable: Real Estate, Personal

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Merely Mustard

I have decided to share some thoughts on the virtue and practice of gratitude. A few months ago I was exposed to the concept of gratitude journaling. (By that, I don't mean gratitude personified, which happened to be journaling, but the idea of journaling things about which you may feel gratitude.) It wasn't the first time I was exposed to the idea, but it was the first time I was exposed to it in a way that prompted me to engage in the practice. Someone I knew was speaking of the benefits of documenting on paper (though I suppose digital documentation might yield the same effect) things she was grateful for, or things about which to

feel gratitude. Another person in the conversation indicated that if he were to do that, he would save money, because he would make fewer purchases. He elaborated that sometimes he purchases things out of a sense of deprivation, because he hasn't taken the time to recognize the blessings of the things he already has. He thought the concept of writing down things he was grateful for would result in thousands of dollars of savings each year.

I was astonished by the financial impact the practice of gratitude journaling would make for this individual, and though I don't believe the savings would be as large for me, there would be a cost

savings, no doubt. The whole objective of advertising is to trigger deprivation-based purchasing, and the professionals are quite skilled at attaining the objective. Becoming grateful for the things you have reduces the persuasiveness of the advertisers' message. But, even more attractive than the financial aspect, practicing gratitude could be expected to increase contentment and diminish perceptions of inadequacy or deprivation. Contentment is a relative word, because I believe total contentment is unattainable in this life, or at least that if man believes he has achieved total contentment he has perhaps not set his sights high enough, or

opened his eyes enough. So contentment must be considered as an inevitable counterpart that exists in juxtaposition to discontentment, where both are present but harmonized in a sort of precarious balance that yields peace. I do not feel as though I have articulated the concept particularly well, nor is it what I intended to write about, so I shall move on.

I began writing down things I was grateful for, as part of my morning routine. I imposed no requirements as to the number of things I would write down, though I tried not to necessarily repeat them; for instance, one could be grateful each day for having woken up, or a cup of water or coffee, and so on, with the list growing in a cumulative fashion over time, and becoming so cumbersome it is more like

an albatross than something that uplifts. That said, it isn't as though once something were written down it was off-limits to be used again. The whole process is mostly free-form, able to swell and to shrink according to the day, or the amount of time I have available. Most of the time, the task can be completed in five minutes, though on fruitful days it might take ten. But that is a sufficient amount of time to trigger a gratitude response. It is a good way to start the day, and I have found it is a way to better savor those things to be grateful for, rather than allowing them to wash over me without my noticing. About once a month I will go back through and review a month's worth of gratitude pages, though that is not at all required – one could, if desired, discard the paper

immediately after it has been completed. But the occasional review has been illuminating, enabling me to see both and remember isolated incidents specific to a given day, as well as the common patterns that weave throughout the days and weeks. The net result is that I have found a quote I heard about ten years ago to be proven true: our gifts far outweigh our struggles.

All in all, I would recommend the practice of gratitude journaling to anyone who is able. I have been surprised at how many blessings fall into my hands and which I may not have ever noticed if I had not taken the time to capture them on paper, and savor them. I don't know what it is about the act of writing that causes this impact, but I have heard for years that if you

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handle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC), and; WHEREAS, the PRPC shall provide grant application preparation services related to the 2020

Downtown Revitalization program at no cost, and; WHEREAS, administrative fees related to project management of any funded 2020 Downtown Revitalization Program project will be agreed to through an amendment to this interlocal agreement if City of Wheeler receives funding through the 2020 Downtown Revitalization program, and; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute an

interlocal contract with the PRPC under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for grant application preparation and potential grant management (if funded) services for City of Wheeler's activities related to the 2020 Downtown Revitalization program. PASSED THIS 18th DAY OF MAY, 2020. Carol made the motion to approve June Financial Statements, seconded by Britt. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining. Paul Arganbright presented monthly maintenance updates.

Steve Walker presented to the Council his interest in selling his water rights to the City of Wheeler at a price of \$600/acre. Britt made the motion to purchase 160 acres at \$600 per acre, seconded by Tammy. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

The motion was made by Amy to accept the engagement letter for 2019/2020 financial audit services with Doshier, Pickens and Francis, seconded by Kendall. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

Mike and Becky Case requested that the Council relieve their water bill, due to high usage caused by a leak. Kendall made the motion that they pay off their bill over a period of six months, seconded by Amy. The motion carried with 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 absent and 0 abstaining.

At 7:10PM, Tammy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Kendall. The meeting adjourned with all 5 in favor.

Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from July 17, 2020 to July 24, 2020. JULY 17, 2020 DEED-Roger Myers, et al to Gary Griffin, et al, 7-14-20, All Lot 3, Blk. 65, Woodley's Southside Addition, Shamrock. DEED-Robert Dale Dyson, et ux to Allen Ray Mitchell, 7-16-20, All Lots 4-10, Blk. XXXIII, Romans Addition, Shamrock. FINAL ORDER-Unit Petroleum Company to Bank of Oklaho-



ma, 6-19-20, See Instrument. DEED-Vinay Patel to Shamrock Chamber of Commerce, 7-2-20, Lots 3 & 4, Blk. LXXXIII, Romans Addition, Shamrock. ASSIGN. AND BILL OF SALE-Kat Energy Corporation, et al to DWR Energy LP, et al, 6-16-20, See Instrument. RDT-Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., et al to Colby Red, et al, 6-18-20, 2 acs. Sec. 7, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. JULY 20, 2020

ASSIGN. CONVEY. BILL OF SALE-BNC Inc. to CRI Operating LLC, 6-11-20, See Instrument. C/C PROBATE-Billy Jack Daffern to Ex Parte, 7-9-20. DT-Joe E. Curtis Production Company Ltd. to Amarillo National Bank, 6-24-20, See Instrument. MODIFICATION AMEND. DT-Petro-Wolf Energy Ltd. to Amarillo National Bank, 6-24-20, See Instrument. DVL-William Stiles, et ux to Barry Hobson, et ux, 7-8-20, 98.22 acs. SW/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. DT-Barry Brandon Hobson, et ux to Happy State Bank, 7-10-20, 98.22 acs. SW/4 Sec. 9, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. RDT-Plains Land Bank FLCA to Steve F. Zybach, et ux, 6-25-20, See Instrument. TMML-Hinkle Homebuilders Inc. to Plains Land Bank FLCA, 7-7-20, N/2 Sec. 73, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. AFF. of COMMENCEMENT-Perry K. Lamb, et al to The Public, 7-1-20, N/2 Sec. 73, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. MML-Perry K. Lamb, et ux to Fidus Construction LLC, 7-1-20, N/2 Sec. 73, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. TMML-Fidus Construction LLC to Plains Land Bank FLCA, 7-2-20, N/2 Sec. 73, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. DT-Debra Gayle Lamb, et vir to Plains Land Bank FLCA, 7-1-20, N/2 Sec. 73, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. DEED-William Richard Dickey, et ux to Drake W. Eagan, et ux, 7-17-20, 2.77 acs. S/2 Sec. 7, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey. DT-Drake W. Eagan, et ux to Associated Mortgage Corporation, 7-17-20, 2.77 acs. S/2 Sec. 7, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey. DT-Rodney Shea Weatherly, et al to Amarillo National Bank, 7-17-20, 2.29 acs. Sec. 8, Blk. A-3, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. HEIRSHIP AFF.-James Lamar Porter to Ila Carol Ball, 6-26-20. MD-Nancy M Schilling Living Trust to Nancy M. Schilling, 6-15-20, NW/4 & W/2 SW/4 Sec. 1, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.

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Baby Shower (BOY) Name: Samantha Bohlar & John Lewis Date: August 8, 2020 Wedding Shower	Baby Shower (BOY) Name: Ilene Butler & Hunter Boone Date: August 26, 2020

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Merely (from Page 1) wish to remember something, you had better write it down (although that may have been propaganda lodged in my subconscious, created centuries ago by those seeking to justify assigning as homework the task of transcribing definitions from the dictionary). To apply the same thought to the concept of gratitude, one could say: if you wish to count your blessings, you had better take account of them first.

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Wheeler Kindergarten Supply List

- 3 boxes of 24 count crayons
- 1 Package of Markers
- 10 pack of small Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 1 Small package of pencils
- 1 Container of Lysol or Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex Backpack
- 1 Towel or blanket for nap
- 1 package of 4X6 index cards
- 2 Spiral notebooks -not mini spirals (notebook paper size)

Wheeler ISD First Grade Supply List

Please DO NOT label supplies

- \$5.00 (Art Fee)
- 1 pencil box
- 1 pair of kids scissors (pointed)
- 2 boxes of Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 2 boxes of Crayola washable markers (8 count)
- 1 package of pre-sharpen pencils (24 count)
- 1 package of Sharpie highlighters (12 count/ Yellow)
- 24 pack of Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 large erasers
- 1 package of skinny black EXPO dry erase markers (12 count)
- 6 large containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 three ring white binder (Avery 1.5 inch view w/ clear front pocket)
- 4 wide ruled spirals (one of each yellow, green, red, blue)
- 3 braded folders with pockets

Wheeler Second Grade Supply List

- 1/2 inch 3 ring binder with pockets
- 1 1 itch bloder for music
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 WIDE ruled writing paper
- 1 wide ruled spiral Notebook
- 1 Stein pad notebook
- 3 packages of pencils
- 2 large erasers
- op ihted scissors
- 4 glue sticks
- 3 large boxes of kleenex
- 2 boxes of crayons colored pehcils
- 1 highlighter
- 1small supply box
- gym shoes
- Clorox wipes
- 2 12 oz. hand sanitizers
- backpack:

Wheeler 3rd & 4th Grade Supply List

- (Please label all supplies)
- wide-ruled Notebook paper
- 1 folder for paper
- 2 folders with brads and pockets
- 1 package 42 pencils
- personal pencil sharpener
- 1 composition book
- 2 large pink erasers
- pointed scissors
- 4 oz. bottle of glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 2 packages of dry erase markers
- 1 package of colored pencils
- 1 yellow highlighter
- ruler with itches 6- centimeters
- small supply box
- 1 container of clorox wipes
- gym shoes
- 2 jumbo or extra-large cloth book covers
- 55.00 for art supplies
- 3 Large boxes of kleenex
- backpack

5th & 6th School

- 1" 3 ring binder (EZ view binder) "6th Grade BAND"
- 6 Plastic folders without brads; one for each subject
- 2 single subject spirals (wide ruled)
- 2 packages of WIDE RULED notebook paper
- 24 pencils
- 1 package of red pens
- 1 small individual pencil sharpener
- 1 (12 count) colored pencils
- 1 package of colored markers
- 1 ruler
- 2 black sharpie markers
- 2 erasers
- 2 packages of glue sticks
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 2 containers wet wipes/Clorox wipes
- 3 LARGE or JUMBO book covers
- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- ADDITIONAL SCIENCE CLASSROOM SUPPLIES
- Quart Ziplocs (boys)
- Gallon Ziplocs (Girls)
- 2 Elmer's 4oz. Liquid glue 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 box Crayola Colored Pencils (36 or 50 pack)
- It is important for multiple Science color options.
- 1 Frisker's pointed tip scissors (for your personal box in classroom)
- 1 package of pop-up 3x3 sticky notes. Science
- Composition Notebook (any color)
- 1 Space-maker pencil box
- 1 large eraser
- 1 Highlighter (light color)



Golf

(from Page 1)

starting a new waiting list. Once a team drops out, they have to go back on the waiting list" she added. Now is a perfect time for new teams to get the chance to play in this premiere, invitation only, golf tournament. There are also sponsorship opportunities available to businesses who would like to help celebrate this long-standing event.

"There is a field of 72 teams invited with two sessions each day. This is the longest running golf tournament in this part of the state. I grew up, around it because my both my parents, Jim and Alice Martindale, were on the tournament committee for several years. I began working with the tournament doing the scorekeeping in the early 90's and took over as Committee Chair from Mel Lantz in 2010.

Since the time of manual scorekeeping, Smoot has seen the tournament become completely computerized and improving each year. She said that the committee, who consists of Rob Muncrief, Ricky Nagle, Aaron Kauk, Justin Robinson, Jordan Williamson, David Dyson and Quint Nichols along with Susie Cupp and Sharon Carpenter from the Chamber, constantly monitor feedback to make sure the tournament maintains the reputation that has been built since origination.

"Anyone who wants to participate by sponsoring a hole or being a vendor on the course can help. Call the chamber or find us on Facebook. The deadline has passed, but we are open until all of the spots are filled. Anyone interested can contact Susie Cupp, Executive Director of the Elk City Chamber of Commerce, or Smoot. Local car dealerships, Barber/Dyson and Doug Gray as well as GAS, Pegasus, Hutton, Inc., and Hutch's have already claimed their spot as a hole in one sponsor.

"Although some of the oil companies have left the area, some are still sending teams to be a part of the tournament. No one wants to lose their spot. The Elk City Daily News reported that in 1971 Oklahoma Governor David Hall declared Elk City the gas capital of the world, which is why this tournament was

designed to show appreciation for the companies that have been steadfast, supporting Elk City. The industry doesn't just effect the oil and gas companies, but it effects everyone," Smoot concluded.

The tournament began when Gene Grubitz realized what a huge impact the industry was having on the community, thus forming an appreciation week. The golf tournament was one part of the appreciation week. Other people who have contributed to the success over the years are Leon Stuart, Bob Maine, Charlie Joy and JW Armstrong along, with many other members of the chamber and community. Smoot, the Chamber of Commerce, the Elk City Golf and Country Club and the tournament committee work hard each year to put on an event that keeps teams competing for an invitation to the Elk City Chamber of Commerce Oil and Gas Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament.

Op-Ed:

Was Your Operation Impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic? Apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Today.

By Gary Six, State Executive Director in Texas, USDA Farm Service Agency

Farmers and ranchers feed our state, our nation, and in fact, our world. You work long hours to provide essential resources for us all, and in these challenging times, I want you to know that USDA is here to support you and your operation through our Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, or CFAP. Whether you farm one acre or many more, grow food for local markets or big supply chains, CFAP can help. We're accepting applications through August 28 and encouraging producers to apply now.

In Texas, we have already approved more than 27,500 applications and disbursed nearly \$331.7 million as of July 20. I know many of you have applied for CFAP already, but the numbers indicate that some who are eligible have not. If you're still unsure about CFAP and your operation, I encourage you to take five minutes today to visit farmers.gov/cfap or call 877-508-8364 to learn about eligibility and options to apply. Whether you've worked with FSA for years or this will be a first, we're here to help you every step of the way.

CFAP provides direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19. You can access the full list of eligible non-specialty, specialty, livestock, dairy, and (Continued Page 4)

Storm (from Page 1)

washer broke his ankle on the job before ours! Finally at 5:00 p.m. they showed up to start. I am so sorry I missed the recital! I know everyone did a great job.

I am so not ready for school to start. I want Covid19 to go away! I can't be with friends and I can't be in band. That is sad! That's it!

Wild (from Page 1)

not only about our rich history, but experience what makes up the fabric of our towns."

Although the official event is cancelled, the communities still want to encourage visitors to get out on the highway and venture into each town and find out all the things that make them unique. Many of the points of interest are still open and available for the public.

AUGUST 2020

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

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2 Church . . . Wheeler Nursing & Rehab W. Baptist 3:00 PM (Temporarily Discontinued)	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Comm. Court 10:00 A.M. Wheeler E.D.C. 7:00 P.M. City Office, Wheeler Wheeler New Teachers	11 Our Country Band Care Center (Temporarily Discontinued)	12	13 W. Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M.	14 High School Football Scrimmage	15
		Wheeler Teacher Workshop				
16 Church . . . Wheeler Nursing & Rehab Mob. Baptist. 3:00 PM (Temporarily Discontinued)	17 W. City Council 7:00 P.M.	18	19 Wheeler First Day of School	20	21 High School Football Scrimmage	22
	Wheeler Teacher Workday					
23	24 Comm. Court. . . . 10:00 AM HS Tennis @ Borger	25 Our Country Band Care Center (Temporarily Discontinued)	26	27 W. Fire Dept. 7:00 P.M. Wheeler Lions Club Sotos Rest. 6:30 A.M. Chamber of Commerce Maxey's 12 Noon Wheeler JV Football vs. Borger	28 High School Football vs. Borger	29 Wheeler Cross Country @ Borger
30 Church . . . Wheeler Nursing & Rehab Cornerstone 3:00 PM Gruber Tourney Continues	31					

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Court (from Page 2)

REVOCALBE TRANSFER ON DEATH DEED—Connie S. Knoll to Amy R. Knoll, 6-13-20, Lot 13, Blk. 6, Mont-Lew Addition, Shamrock.
 RELEASE of FEDERAL TAX LIEN—United States of America to Gregory L. Clark, 7-8-20.
 DT—Joe E. Curtis Production Company Ltd. to Amarillo National Bank, 6-24-20, See Instrument.
 MODIFICATION AND AMEND. DT—Tyco Energy Ltd. to Amarillo National Bank, 6-24-20, See Instrument.
 JULY 21, 2020
 No Recording
 JULY 22, 2020
 EXECUTOR'S MD—Georgia Beth Ford (Estate) to Robert Ford, 7-20-20, Royalty Interest in Sec. 17, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company Survey and Sec. 92, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Com-

pany Survey; Plus any Other Royalty & Mineral Interest in Wheeler County.
 JULY 23, 2020
 DVL—Robert W. Riley, et ux to Melanie Kay Sisco, et vir, 7-22-20, N 65' of Lot 3, Blk. LVII, Romans Addition, Shamrock.
 DT—Melanie Kay Sisco, et vir to Amarillo National Bank, 7-22-20, N 65' Lot 3, Blk. LVII, Romans Addition, Shamrock.
 MODIFICATION DT—Garrison Food Mart Inc. to AimBank, 7-12-20, Lots 13 & 14 & 0.0356 acs out of Lot 15, Blk. 204, Vaughans Hilltop Addition, Shamrock.
 ASSIGN. & BILL of SALE—Gasco Limited Partnership to Spindletop Drilling Company, 6-29-20, Sec. 28, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 JULY 24, 2020
 No Recording

Comm. (from Page 1)

Property & Mineral/Industrial Roll: \$1,455,199,617.
 Wheeler County Road & Bridge Certified Taxable Values: net Taxable: Real Estate, Personal Property & Mineral/Industrial Roll: \$1,455,199,617.
 Wheeler County Lateral road Certified Taxable Values: Net Taxable: Real Estate, Personal Propert & Mineral/Industrial Roll: \$1,451,670,167.
 • The court approved the removal of John Hankins from the payroll as a full time employee at the Sheriff's Department.

• The court approved the purchase of 7,312 gallons of diesel at \$1.76/gallon for a purchase price of \$12,869.12.
 • The purchase of a trade-in pickup from the Sheriff's Department by David Simpson, Pct. 3, was approved. The amount was \$8,500.
 • The court approved the payment of the bills.

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Op-Ed (from Page 3)
 wool commodities by visiting farmers.gov/cfap.

We know you're busy, so we've outlined options to apply at the top of farmers.gov/cfap. We offer a CFAP Application Portal where those of you with eAuthentication accounts can submit your application online. Don't have an eAuthentication account? You can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in. We also offer a manual application option, and a CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator that allows you to input information specific to your operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form.

You can apply now for the commodities that are currently eligible, and if any other commodities you produce are added to the program, we will

want a self-starter, heavy lifting is required. Salary will be based on skills and experience. Contact Leslie Berry for more information, 806-826-5795.

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happily amend your application.

If you have questions, please let us know. You can call our CFAP Call Center for one-on-one support with the CFAP application process. Call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer personalized assistance. And, as always, the FSA office at your local USDA Service Center is also there to help you prepare your application.

Farmers and ranchers continue to be the backbone of our nation. I know Texas' agricultural producers are facing unprecedented challenges with the coronavirus pandemic, and I want to make sure we at USDA are doing all we can to provide critical support. We thank our farmers and ranchers, and we encourage you to apply for CFAP today.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 7-9

(AUSTIN) — With the Texas economy slowly awakening from effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-9.

The law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving

shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The date of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"Even though significant uncertainty remains for our public and private schools as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the sales tax holiday is a perfect opportunity to save money on school supplies and other tax-free items at a time when many Texans are carefully monitoring their family finances," Hegar said. "Online shopping is covered, so I encourage all Texans to shop online or practice social distancing when making in-store purchases. money." Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTax-Holiday.org.

To promote social distancing, the Comptroller's office wants all taxpayers to know that during the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased online or

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the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or

the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for

Chat (from Page 1)

is your opportunity to speak up. If your income has not dropped due to the Coronavirus you are fortunate.

I received an email for an obituary for a person named Graves. I could not open it so I forwarded it to Ronal Wayne; his computer showed it was a virus. If we were supposed to have printed an email for a Graves, please let us know.

Ronal, Juanita and Ian arrived Tuesday evening. I joined them on their trip to Amarillo, Palo Dura Canyon and Cadillac Ranch. They returned home Thursday morning.

immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999, allowing Texans to save millions of dollars in state and local sales taxes each year. Uncertainty surrounding consumer activity in the retail sector coupled with a lack of clarity regarding the timing and nature of schools reopening prevents the agency from producing an estimate for dollars saved by taxpayers during this year's holiday. Last year's holiday generated an estimated \$102.2 million in savings for Texas taxpayers.

All was quiet at OKC. I finished my project for Liz.

Seth is again spending the first part of the week with his grandparents.

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Crossword PUZZLE

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 19. Cowboy event
 21. Harbor craft
 22. Nada
 23. + or - item
 24. Kind of hoop
 25. Jam spreader
 28. Nightmarish street
 29. Not domesticated
 30. Airline seating class
 32. Secretary, at times
 33. Maître d's offering
 34. Tear up

- 8. Roswell crash victim, supposedly
- 9. Floor model
- 10. Rocks, to a bartender
- 11. Height
- 12. Like some furniture
- 13. Model T starter
- 15. Fit for a king
- 20. Greasy
- 24. Supporter
- 26. Instigate
- 27. Foe
- 28. Relative of an ostrich
- 29. Addict
- 31. "We're number ___!"
- 32. Hardly macho
- 34. "___ me?"
- 35. Movie promo
- 36. Enemy soldier
- 37. Tofu bean
- 38. Fill to the brim
- 39. Pullover, e.g.
- 40. V.I.P.
- 41. Black eye
- 43. Inkjet alternative
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- 48. ___ Piper
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