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“Wheeler: town of friendship and pride”



Distinguished Alumni & Traveled Fatherest
Raymond K Martin, D.D.S., M.A.G.D.



Oldest Student — Laverne Cox Tucker, Class of 1940



Richard Gaines — Oldest Teacher

Raymond Martin Named Distinguished Alumni

Dr. Raymond Martin was named 2021 Distinguished Alumni at the 2021 Wheeler Ex-Student & Teacher Alumni on June 12, 2021. He was introduced by Jake Ware.

Raymond K. Martin, DDS, MAGD, of Martin, Kinsel & Puskee in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Dr. Raymond Martin gradu-

ated as a Wheeler Mustang in 1975 then graduated from Texas Tech University in 1979 with a BA in Microbiology. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in 1983 and completed a general practice residency with the Tufts College of Dental Medicine. Once at Tufts, Dr. Martin discovered how much he loved the Boston area. Now he provides fam-

ily dentistry at his practice on Chauncy Street in Mansfield.

It's here that Dr. Martin holds the "Doctors with a Heart" event each Valentine's Day. Founded by an Iowa dentist, Dr. Duane Schmidt, the goal of the charity is to provide free dental care to those who might not be able to afford the services normally. It has now become the largest doctor charity in the world. This past Valentine's Day, Dr. (Continued Page 2)

National Hunting Show Set For July

Final Descent Outdoors, is the longest running tv show on the Pursuit Channel with its eleventh season starting in July. Final Descent Outdoors founder, Brad Clay has local roots and is excited to share another season of the show in the nearly fifty million homes the show airs. "I call western Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle home. My family owns ground in and around Reydon and we even own ground in Wheeler County, Texas. Growing up out there, hunting and fishing was just a way of life and that passion for it is what carried me into the path I am on today." Said Clay. "A bunch of our episodes over the years have been filmed out that way and we have several of the guys that film with us either living in the area or growing up there like I did."

Justin James, the ag teacher for Wheeler Schools has been filming for Final Descent Outdoors almost from the beginning. He is joined on the show by fellow Wheeler local Trenton Gaines. "Justin and Trenton seem to always capture great hunting action on camera every year right in and around Wheeler and across the line in Oklahoma as well. And as their kids get older they are starting to make sure they get them on film hunting as well. Which we always love having (Continued Page 3)

James Williams Is Buried At Wheeler

On June 8, 2021, James Pruitt Williams passes away unexpectedly at his home in Wheeler, Texas, after a long battle with heart issues.

Memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 1:30 pm, with Pastor Erron Mercer officiating.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler, Texas.

James was born on March 28, 1944, in Gray County, Texas, to parents Walter Lonnie Williams and Lona Mae Pruitt Williams. As a child he attended elementary school in



Shirley Miles

Graveside Rites For Shirley Miles Read

Shirley Ann Miles, 81, of Wheeler died Tuesday, June 8, 2021 peacefully at her home.

Graveside services were at 2:00 PM Friday, June 11, 2021 in Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler.

Viewing was from 9:00-12:30 PM Friday at the funeral home.

Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

Shirley was born February 25, 1940 in Lamar, Colorado to Elgin J. and Iva Mae Talley Miller. She married Roland Leo Miles on June 14, 1958 in Twitty, Texas. Shirley was a wonderful artist where she loved painting. Her other hobbies included (Continued Page 2)

Rankin Obituary

Jerry Lawrence Rankin
September 28, 1942
- May 29, 2020

Born in farm country, Jerry Rankin loved the earth and his family dearly. He held a doctorate in political science and left his professorial position to farm grass and raise cattle in central Texas (Hays County) and later returned to the Rankin family homeplace in the Texas Panhandle, (Wheeler County). His grade school through high school years were spent in Parmer County (Frona). Jerry always carried with him the love of learning and equity, which he shared with friends and family through rich conversation. His strong moral compass guided his family and lent itself to his progressive ideals and activism.

A contemplative thinker (and thoughtful pauser), Jerry had a great memory for stories, dates, and indelicate jokes. He did not shy away (Continued Page 2)



The Ex-Students & Teachers Reunion was a success. A "tip of the hat" to those responsible and **THANK YOU.**

— cwe —

Even though I am not an ex-student, I had kids in school for 25 years and knew many of the graduates. I have gotten to know a great many who graduated before I arrived.

— cwe —

And I had to ask the names of most I recognized.

— cwe —

Kendra Jolly did a fine job conducting the meeting and presenting awards.

— cwe —

Maxey's Barbeque was delicious as usual.

— cwe —

Jennifer and Seth had spent the week helping with the Baptist Bible School and (Continued Page 2)

STORM REPORT



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

Dear Friends, This was a fun week! Mom and Kathleen worked at the museum getting ready for Wheeler Ex-Students Reunion. One day (Continued Page 2)



GREATEST MUSTANG FAN: The late Amanda Childress was recognized at the 2021 Ex-Student & Teacher Reunion as the "Wheeler Mustangs' Greatest Fan". Pat Childress, Amanda's mother, is shown here receiving the plaque of Amanda's pictures which will be placed in the school's trophy case. The presentation was made by Kendra Jolly, president of the Ex-Student Assoc. In making the presentation, Kendra stated: "If ever there was a perfect example of what Mustang Pride should look like it was seen in the spirit of one of the truest Mustangs to ever walk the halls of Wheeler ISD Amanda Childress! Amanda was a Mustang through and through. (Continued Page 2)

Attention Veterans

4th of July the Veteran's will be welcome to sit at the gazebo for the parade we will have refreshments for them and Market Square is donating everything to make breakfast burritos for the Veterans Saturday, July 3.

Wheeler I.S.D. Board Minutes

Accepts 3 Resignations, Hires 2

Minutes of Regular Meeting
The Board of Trustees
Wheeler ISD
A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wheeler ISD was held Wednesday,

May 12, 2021, beginning at 6:30 PM in the board conference room located at #1 Mustang Drive, Wheeler, Texas, 79096.

Those present were: Members: Dr. Lee Ann Hillhouse, Mark Marshall, Billy Richardson, Ike Finsterwald, Mike Houska, Bryan Markham, Superintendent; Stacey Horton, Business Manager; Heather Hardcastle, Elementary Principal

Absent: Beau Means, Machille Henson

I. ESTABLISH A QUORUM
a. Pledge: Mark Marshall led the pledge.

b. Invocation: Ike Finsterwald offered the invocation.

II. OPEN FORUM
a. Hearing of Any Person/Group Wishing to Address (Continued Page 2)

Merely Mustard

One of the things I do not understand is the concept of arch supports in footwear. To be more clear, I understand the concept, but I don't understand why arch supports would be needed. I don't necessarily know why the foot has an arch or its particular purpose. But whatever the purpose the arch may serve, how is it served by prosthetic arch supports?

When someone is born, with whatever degree of arch

they may have been endowed with, what supports that arch? Whether it is the curvature of the bones of the foot, or the muscles and connective tissue, the arch is self-supporting and self-maintaining. I've heard that at some point later in life, arches become susceptible to "falling". It is this phenomenon for which arch supports are suggested as a remedy. What is the consequence of a fallen arch? I do not know. But while a pros-

thetic structure underneath the arch might hold it up, it seems to me that in the very act of providing support, the prosthesis undermines the arch's ability to support itself. The arch support is doing all of the work that the body otherwise might do. The muscles involved in maintaining the arch suddenly have not much work to do, not much load to bear or force to exert, and follow the universal destiny of (Continued Page 2)

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Martin (from Page 1)

Martin says that his practice had about 47 people come in and he and his staff completed about \$6,500 worth of service. "We see a lot of the same people come in year after year," he explained. "It's great because even if they only get work done once a year, they're still maintaining their dental health. There have been many recent studies that link systemic diseases to dental problems."

Amanda (from Page 1)

She bled black and gold. Her excitement for every sports team, athlete, and student she cheered for was undeniable. She knew us all by name and was the biggest fan we ever had. I have no idea how many times walking down the hall I saw the toughest most no-nonsense football player get swept up by Amanda calling out their name and giving high fives and talking football. Her laughter and spirit were contagious and she made you feel like you had just won the super bowl every time she saw you! I will never forget how excited she was when Mrs. Burrell went before the school board and got Amanda her very own letterman's jacket! I don't think I ever saw anyone so proud to wear that W! She walked down the halls so excited to be wearing that jacket it made you find a whole new pride in what that jacket represented and reminded us all of how lucky we were to wear the same one! We were Mustangs, we were her team and she brought out the best in all of us.

There is an oath in the Special Olympics that says "Let me win, but if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt." It goes without saying that Amanda faced every day with that kind of spirit. Amanda started to participate in the Special Olympics in 1990 with her ever-faithful companion, teacher and coach Mrs. Claudia Marion by her side. For 22 years Amanda showed that Mustang spirit in competition until her health no longer allowed her to compete. During those years Amanda competed in bowling, basketball, track, golf and aquatics. She won 40 gold medals, 55 silver medals, 15 bronze along with countless ribbons and awards. Amanda traveled all over the Texas Panhandle competing and she won her way to state in bowling. In 2000 Amanda was named Female Athlete of the year for the Texas Panhandle out of region 16. In an article written about here for the award it was said that it is

Dr. Martin's volunteer work is not limited to his office. In 2002, he was honored with an International Service Award for running a fundraiser that raised money to buy and deliver wheelchairs all over the world. In Mansfield alone, they were able to raise enough to buy 27 chairs and those were delivered to places such as India and Kazakhstan.

A member and past president of the Rotary Club in Mansfield, Dr. Martin has

helped raise money for many local and international charities. He was given the 2004 Rotarian of the Year award for chairing the Wine and Fine Dining Auction, which raised money for polio research and hopeful worldwide eradication of the disease. Money was also raised for a variety of other Mansfield projects, including Rails to Trails, a bike path established in 2003.

When asked why he thinks Mansfield is such a great town Dr. Martin replies, "This

community is more involved in volunteerism than any other I've seen. Everyone is committed to trying to make it better every day. I also come from a small town in the Texas Panhandle. I was looking for a place to live where I knew the people, worked with them, and didn't have a cold and impersonal feeling. Mansfield is that. It's a modern twist on a country town."

Massachusetts Dental Society Speaker of the House and Past President Dr. Raymond

Martin was recently sworn in as Major of the Massachusetts Air National Guard. In his own words, Dr. Martin talks about what led him to pursue military service at the stage of his professional career when many colleagues are planning retirement from dentistry.

— Jake Ware



GUYS OF THE CLASS OF '81: (left to right) Greg Hampton, Russell Gaines, Bobby Jones, Willie Valencia, Benny Watson, Boyd Waldo, Dale Manning, Wes Westmoreland, Ty Henderson, John Harris, Benny Baker and Mark Wright.

presented "to a female athlete who best exhibits the attributes of courage, spirit, and determination" that was without a doubt Amanda. "With Pat's continuous support Amanda

Chat (from Page 1)

returned home Sunday morning.

— cwe —

Greg had taken a week's vacation and was in and out to help with projects and play cards.

— cwe —

Liz and William arrived Friday afternoon and evening. We got in several card games.

— cwe —

Leroy, Rhonda and Stormie were in for a short time Friday evening and Jennifer, Liz and William took Seth and Stormie to "drag main".

— cwe —

We had our 'second family' together.

— cwe —

The ice cream freezer was put into action for the first time in over a year. Flavors for the

far exceeded all expectations. She demonstrated a perfect example of what is expected by the special Olympics Oath." Amanda was definitely something special.

weekend were Toasted Coconut and Butter Pecan.

— cwe —

William and I made a short visit to the Bryants to see Lacey and children Saturday evening.

— cwe —

I told Jennifer to check on getting a new White Mountain motor for the freezer and she learned the company no longer exists.

School (from Page 1)

the Board: None
III. READING OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of April 21, 2021: Billy Richardson motioned to approve the minutes, as amended. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Five 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): Mrs. Horton reviewed the financial statements.

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

d. Preliminary Values/Budget Projections: Mr. Markham reviewed budget projections for 2021-2022 with regard to taxable values and student attendance.

V. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Principals Reports: Mrs. Hardcastle provided the elementary report including an increase of one student in enrollment for the month, end of year trips and the final WOWW program for the year, PK/K Little Colt Relays, and Covid-19 numbers.

Mr. Bailey provided a written secondary report including steady enrollment for the month, upcoming awards assemblies, and graduation programs.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. Unfinished Business: 1. No Unfinished Business

b. New Business: 1. Canvass Results from May 1, 2021 School Board Election

Ike Finsterwald made a motion to canvass the election results as presented. Billy Richardson seconded the motion. Four members voted to accept the motion, no votes against.

2. Issue Certificate of Election Statement and Swear in Newly Elected Trustees. Stacey Horton administered the oath of office to newly elected trustees, Lee Ann Hillhouse and Mike Houska.

3. Reorganize the Board: Billy Richardson made a motion to elect Lee Ann Hillhouse as board president. Ike Finsterwald seconded the motion. Four members voted to approve the motion, Lee Ann Hillhouse abstained.

Billy Richardson made a motion to elect Ike Finsterwald as board vice president. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Four members voted to approve the motion, Ike Finsterwald abstained.

Mark Marshall made a motion to elect Billy Richardson as board secretary. Ike Finsterwald seconded the motion. Four members voted to approve the motion, Billy Richardson abstained.

4. Consider Approving and Authorizing Agreement between the Wheeler ISD and Live Oak Public Finance, LLC for Financial Advisory Services and all matters related hereto. Mark Marshall made a motion to approve and authorize the agreement between the Wheeler ISD and Live Oak Public Finance, LLC for Financial Advisory Services and all matters related thereto. Mike Houska seconded the motion. Five members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT a. Graduation: Graduation will be held at 7:00pm on Friday, May 21st. Board members will meet in the conference room at 6:50pm.

b. Teacher Work Day & Meal: Friday, May 21st is a Teacher workday. Lunch will be provided for employees at 11:45am.

c. Review June Meeting Dates: The regular June board meeting will be held on June 9, 2021. A special budget meeting will be held on June 30, 2021.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

If Needed, According to Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et seq.: No Executive Session was held.

a. Consider/Take Action: Resignations/Hiring of Personnel

Billy Richardson made a motion to approve the resignations of Chris Evans, Alison Evans and Juan Luna, with regrets. Mark Marshall seconded the motion. Five members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

Ike Finsterwald made a motion to approve probationary contracts to Matt Hoover and Danielle Jones. Mark

Marshall seconded the motion. Five members voted to approve the motion, no votes against.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Marshall motioned

Rankin (from Page 1)

from hard work and was a grounded man, at home outdoors. Detail-oriented, he was happiest when he had a project at hand to create or improve, even if that project was the world.

Jerry passed in peace at age 77 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He is survived by his three daughters (Julie, Leigh & Iris), his grandchildren (Paige, Seth, Aidan & Elsie), and his life partner of 42 years, Brigitt Widmer. He was predeceased by his parents, Maxine Leigh and Olaf Rankin, and his beloved aunt, Florence Rankin George.

If you would like to honor Jerry's memory, stand up for what you believe is fair and true. Treat people kindly. Tell others you love them dearly and, if it moves you to tears, know that he would have teared up, too. Talk, laugh, and stay up later than you might have. Jerry will be there. In fact, he may be the last one to leave.

(Our family apologizes for the tardiness of this obituary, nearly one year after Jerry's passing.)

Storm (from Page 1)

I made spaghetti for them and took it to the museum so they could do their work. Pam came to get everything ready. I was so happy to see her. I miss her.

On Thursday, I saw Seth's BB, (Beverly Bryant). She told me that she has read the Storm Report since I started it. I was four years old. I can't believe I have worked for Pop for fourteen years. Thank you, BB and all my faithful readers!

On Friday night, Liz and Jennifer took Seth and me with them on the "drag." That was the best! It was hysterical and historical. They taught us what they did when they were in school! We "yeeted" everyone and stopped to visit on the square.

On Saturday, my "brother" Gary (Thomas) and Penny came to see us. We had a great visit. We went fishing with Bill (Blanchard) and I am happy to say, "I caught fish!"

This week, working with dad, was hard. We had big

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Wheeler County COURT RECORDS

List of instruments filed in the Wheeler County Clerk's office from June 7, 2021 to June 11, 2021.

JUNE 7, 2021

No Recordings

JUNE 8, 2021

RDT-Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., et al to Calle W Holwick, et ux, 5-27-21, See Instrument.

MIN./ROY. DEED-Matthew N. Soboslay to Candlewood Resources LLC, et al, 3-16-21, All My Mineral/Royalty Interest in Wheeler County.

HEIRSHIP AFF.-Carol Holden, et al to Gib James Martindale, 2-3-21.

HEIRSHIP AFF.-Sara A. Renner to Carl Dean Renner, 6-3-21, 1.90 acs. out of SE/4 Sec. 65, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; 0.413 acs. being Lots 1-4, Blk. 6, Mobeet-

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Merely (from Page 1)

muscles which are utilized: atrophy.

And when the muscles of the foot have atrophied because the prosthesis is doing the muscles' work, those same muscles are less capable of supporting the arch of the foot during the inevitable times when one's shoes are off. It might be that, under the guise of helping the body along, arch supports actually have a deleterious effect on feet, or create a reliance on the prosthesis to keep one's feet from hurting. I don't know if there is a remedy to the problem of falling arches, or if they are simply inevitable if one spends enough time on (or maybe off of — revisit the reference to atrophy from non-use) their feet, but it seems to me, based on what I have read from others who were convincing in this matter, that the best way to support one's arches is to spend as much time barefoot as possible, relying on the muscles of the foot to hold things in place. Regarding footwear, my thinking would be to select footwear whose insoles simulate the barefoot condition as closely as possible, or at the very least, those which do not have an obnoxious bump on the insole, in the region where the ball of the foot would be located.

But, what do I know? I don't know the status of my own arches, whether they are strong or weak, intact or fallen — But I know I don't enjoy the feeling of an uncomfortable ridge running across the middle of my insole.

Miles (from Page 1)

cooking, gardening, and the outdoors. Shirley had served as a scoring chairman and points keeper for the Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit. She will be deeply missed by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Bobby Miles on April 19, 2021; and an infant brother and sister.

Survivors include her husband Roland Miles of Wheeler; her daughter, Melissa Miles of Dallas; her son, Jonathan Miles and wife, Terilyn, of Wheeler; her daughter-in-law, Linda Miles of Wheeler; her brother-in-law, Mike Miles and wife, Sharon, of Wheeler; her grandson, J.D. Miles; a niece and two great-nephews.

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Film

(from Page 1) kids on the show hunting and sharing our love for the outdoors." Said Clay. Other local to the area hunters Besides Clay, James, and Gaines are Reydon native Paul Powers. Powers, a graduate of Reydon High School films in western Oklahoma and has been with the show since day one. "Paul was killing big deer in and around Reydon with a bow before any of us had even thought about picking up a bow. He just has a niche for finding big deer, I think he could put a stand on a light pole in the Walmart parking lot and shoot a big buck. But credit has to be given to his dad John Powers for being head guide and doing lots of leg work leading up to the season." said Clay.

"Eric Worley is also on our staff and his family is from the Sayre area and Eric hunts the area primarily as well." Said Clay. "We have lots of connections to the area. It's special to me and these other guys for different reasons and though I don't live in the area I frequent it often, many times weekly and it is just home. I love it out here." Clay went on to say. Final Descent Outdoors isn't just a hunting show, it is also a way to share about the Lord through the common ground of the outdoors. "We started this 13 years ago as a way to take our love for hunting but also be a positive light in a dark world. We end every episode by sharing a devotion and the Lord has been faith to use that to see lives changed. We have had people email saying they had written a suicide note and they saw our show and the Lord spoke to them saying He wasn't done with them. People email wanting bibles, or questions about God. For us, that is what it is all about!"

Outside of hosting and producing Final Descent Outdoors, Clay travels the country speaking at mens events talking about faith and hunting. Clay speaks at 35-40 events a year and has the privilege to speak to tens of thousands of men every year. Final Descent Outdoors airs nationally on the Pursuit Channel Mondays at 5pm, Fridays at 10:30am, Saturdays at 11pm, and Sundays at 5pm July through December. You can find the Pursuit Channel on Dish Channel 393 and Directv 604 as well as AT&T U-Verse 1644 and Verizon Fios 818. You can also download the "Pursuit Up App to your smart tv and tune in that way as well. Final Descent Outdoors also airs on Oklahoma OTA KSBI TV52 52 weeks a year at 5am and 11am every Sunday morning as well as in Canada on WildTV.

"We hope people will tune in and support some local boys that love what they get the chance to do. Lots of people talk about this being the dream job. I am full time with the show but its been

lots and lots of work and we couldn't do it without these other guys filming and working hard to make sure we have footage to make the episodes every year. I can't say enough about them" said

James (from Page 1)

for 7 years with the company with no accidents. He was a very detail oriented cautious driver.

Wanting to branch out on his own, he tried his hand at starting a business of his own. He opened Williams Sand and Gravel CO. in April of 1978. It was a sand-gravel reprocessing plant. He employed his brother "Dub" Williams and 6 other employees. Due to the rapid rise in interest rates and poor economy, it forced the sale of the company which he had worked so tirelessly for.

He returned to driving for companies such as Omega Grain and Supply, Henderson Trucking, J.T. Richardson Rig and Construction, National Carriers. Due to the ill health of his father, Lonnie, he returned home, relocating his family and left the workforce for 4 months. He, Millie, their children cared for Lonnie (and then Loria Mae) until their passing. It was the greatest honor of his life.

He then returned to trucking, working for Enron Oil Trading Transportation until he retired.

He drove over 2,585,000 miles over his 25 1/2 year career. James wasn't "just a truck driver". He loved many things and metal detecting with his daughter Angie was one he spoke often of. They had many adventures. He loved playing the lottery and actually won over \$20,000 on time on his lucky numbers. He was an amazing artist and left many drawings which will be cherished by his family. He was a loving father to his daughters.

He was a pillar of strength, even in his time of weakness, to his daughter, Lorrie, as they maneuvered through his health issues and Angie's major health complications. He made an unbearable year be filled with hope, love, light for her. He never gave up hope for Angie's continued health and healing.

Those waiting to meet him in heaven were his loving wife Millie, beloved father and mother Lonnie and Loria Mae, his dear brother "Dub" and wife Edith.

He leaves behind in sadness his 2 daughters Angie Taylor and spouse, Jesse, Taylor and Lorrie Erwin and spouse, Larry Erwin, all of Wheeler, Texas.

Grandchildren continuing his legacy are Lane Erwin and fiancé, Brittany Putman, of Wheeler, Texas, Leslie Erwin and fiancé, Sam Wolfe, of Childress, Texas, Terra Barr and husband, Houston, of Wheeler, Texas, Jamie Taylor and Co-parent, Ashley Taylor, of Wheeler, Texas.

Great-grandchildren who will be missing his presence are Emma Erwin and soon to be born brother Corbin, Milo Barr, Raleigh Taylor, Adden Castagnetta, Blaine and Jacob Wolfe.

Sign our on-line guest book at RobertsonFuneral.com.

Clay. "Set the DVR to record look for us on your tv, go watch episodes on YouTube even. We love what we do and work hard at it. Hopefully locals from where we grew up will tune in and watch and support us in it. Many of them have been for a long time. Lots of these folks are our neighbors, friends, and family. They have been supporting this crazy dream from day one and we can't thank them enough for that too." Learn more about Final Descent Outdoors by visiting www.finaldescentoutdoors.com



Happy Hot Weather Folks! Don't know about you guys but I can't seem to manage the humidity and heat like I once did must be that birthday that I had last month affecting me!

Anyway, wanted you to be aware of the Summer Reading Program dates so you can get your kiddo's here to participate in it. We will have a program for ages 0-7 years and all others that come will get to help with the littles, also they can check out books also. The dates are all on Monday's so put on your calendars July 5, July 12, July 19 and July 26 and the time is at 10:00 a.m. every Monday. We will have the kiddo's come in and get books and then a story and close with a craft or activity. PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN ALL YOUR LATE LIBRARY BOOKS or your child will not be able to check out our books. The list we have for right now are these library card numbers so check to see if yours is here and if it is either call the library at 826-5977 or bring them in when you come the 5th of July.

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Check at home and around to see if you have these please.

Thank you and remember reading can Take You On A Thrill!

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Sweetwater-Meridian Reunion

The Sweetwater - Meridian - Bulo Alumni and Former Students Association will hold its annual meeting at the Sweetwater Public School's General Purpose Room on Saturday, June 26, 2021, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with a BBQ dinner at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.



Week of May 31-June 6, 2021 Intents to Drill OCHILTREE (ALLEN-PARKER, Marmaton) Mewbourne Oil Company, #M003AO Merydith-Tregellas 469/412 A, (1293.67 acres) 300' FNL & 800' FEL, Sec 469, Blk 43, H&TC RR Surv, A-207, 14 mi SW from Lipscomb TD 8075', (BHL: 330' FSL & 1600' FEL Sec 412, Blk 43, H&TC A-1016) (sgd. Jana Cates 806-352-7520, x1625) Horizontal OLDHAM (WILDCAT) Arrow Oil & Gas, LLC, #3 Southwest Boy's Ranch, (656 acres) 133' FNL & 3730' FWL, Sec 1, Blk Z, Lee, W M D Surv, A-280, 12 mi S from Channing TD 3900', (sgd. Kelly Shockley 405-364-2601, x205) Vertical Gas Completions None Oil Completions None

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The following property located at 611 S Sweetwater Ave, Wheeler, TX 79096 was found to be in violation of the city's substandard structure ordinance outlined in the Local Government Code, Title 7, Subtitle A, Chapter 214, for dangerous structures and has been set for a hearing. OWNERS: Isabel Vazquez & Isabel Arjona LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Mobile Home TXS0522945 on West Ninety Feet (W/90') of Lot Seven (7), West Ninety Feet (W/90') of Lot Eight (8), & Southeast Five Foot by Eighty-six Feet (SE/5'x86') of Lot Nine (9), in Block Thirty-five (35), to the Original Town of Wheeler, Wheeler County, Texas PARCEL ID: R223

A hearing has been set before the city council for the purpose of making a determination of whether the building is a substandard building or structure under the provisions of Chapter 6 Section 5 of the Structural Standards Code. The hearing will take place at City Hall, 505 Alan L. Bean Blvd., Wheeler, Texas 79096 on the 21st day of June, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. You may present your case as to why this building should not be declared a public nuisance and why you should not be ordered to repair, renovate, or demolish and clear such building or structure from the premises. If the city council finds that this building is a substandard building or structure, the city council may order the abatement of said condition or conditions by repair, renovation, removal or demolition by you within a reasonable time to be set by the city council and that the city may demolish or remove said building if the owner does not comply with such order.

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17. Surefooted goat
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40. Net
41. Swabber
42. Flightless birds
43. With a bow, to Stern
44. Where ships come in
45. Way in
47. Hull caulking
50. Old anesthetic
52. ___-apple juice
53. It goes around the world
58. Sun helmet
60. Stumbles
62. Back of the neck
63. Anonymous John
64. Not yet final, at law
- Down
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2. Bum kin
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4. Subway alternative
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ie. MIN./ROY. DEED-Kean Production LP to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 5-26-21, See Instrument.
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MIN./ROY. DEED-Themistocles Inc. to Sanguine Gas Exploration LLC, 5-26-21, See Instrument.
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STATEMENT of OWNER-SHIP-Clayton Homes #150 to Cheryl Ann Cano, et al, 4-9-21, Pt. Sec. 2, Blk. C, Elisha Montgomery Survey; Pt. Sec. 3, Blk. C, S. R. Cooper Survey.
DT-Savanna Jahnel, et ux to Quicken Loans LLC, 4-13-21,

90' x 155' NE/4 Blk. 51, Stanley Addition, Wheeler.
DVL-Ronnie Robinson Land LLC, et al to Jimmy Lane, 6-2-21, 1.056 acs. of S/2 Sec. 6, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
DT-Jimmy Lane, et ux to Happy State Bank, 6-4-21, 1.056 acs. S/2 Sec. 6, Blk. R.E., Roberts & Eddleman Survey.
DVL-Charles W. Perkins, et ux to Zane Zybach, 6-3-21, 1.8 acs. out of Sec. 59, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
DT-Zane Zybach to Happy State Bank, 6-3-21, 1.8 acs. out of Sec. 59, Blk. A-8, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
AFF. of IDENTITY-Jill Harris to Karen Jill Birdsell Harris, 6-4-21.
DVL-Karen Jill Birdsell Harris to Acton & Sons Incorporated, 6-2-21, SW/4 & N/2 Sec. 30, Blk. 17, H&GN (Except 1/2 Mineral Interest).
DT-Acton & Sons Incorporated to FirstBank Southwest, 6-2-21, SW/4 & N/2 Sec. 30, Blk. (Continued Page 4)

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IN APPRECIATION: Wheeler County Retired School Personnel recently provided snacks for the teachers and staff at Ft Elliott, Kelton, Shamrock and Wheeler. Pictured are Debbie Finsterwald, WISD superintendent Bryan Markham, Kim Goad and Connie Porter.

Court (from Page 3)

17, H&GN.
 POA-Sallie Adcock to Amanda Jo Hatcher, et al, 6-7-21.
 JUNE 9, 2021
 DT-Del Rio Working Interest LLC, et al to ANB Bank, 5-28-21, See Instrument.
 POA-Lee Thomas to Nicole Seymour, 6-1-21.
 AFF. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE-Ronnie Heck, (Substitute Trustee), et al to Marci Diane Bell, 6-7-21, See Instrument.
 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S DEED/BILL of SALE-Ronnie Heck, (Substitute Trustee), et al to TCT Financial III LLC, 6-7-21, See Instrument.
 JUNE 10, 2021
 ASSIGN. DEED/CONVEY.-Marilyn J McGee to Jacob Daniel Kruse, et ux, 1-1-20, SE/4 Sec. 10 & Pts. Sec. 11, Blk. A-4, H&GN Ry. Company

Survey.
 DVL-Bobby Whitten, et ux to Randy Don Boyd, et ux, 6-7-21, 3 acs of SE/4 Sec. 36, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT-Randy Don Boyd, et ux to Happy State Bank, 6-7-21, 3 acs of SE/4 Sec. 36, Blk. 17, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 RDT-United States of America to Beverly Ann Ray, 4-27-21, See Instrument.
 NON-HOMESTEAD AFF.-Rickey G. Hargrove, et ux to The Public, 3-19-21, Pts. Sec. 88, Blk. 13, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DEED-Noel Walton, et ux to NL Walton Properties LLC, 3-15-21, E 94' of the S 20' of Lot 18, Blk. 203, Vaughns Hilltop Addition, Shamrock.
 AFF. of IDENTITY-Bence



RECOGNIZED: Olene Jett was recognized as Resident of the Month for May at Wheeler Nursing and Rehab. Kenneth Mangrum was named Employee of the Month.

Friday | July 2nd

COURTHOUSE SQUARE

6:30 5th Annual Janette Hink Umsted Memorial Cornhole Tournament

7:00 LIVE MUSIC featuring:
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Saturday | July 3rd

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7:35 1st Lt Ben Britt Memorial Fun Run

9:00 Parade

10:00 Opening Ceremonies
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 Horseshoe Tournament, and
 Games/Activities for all

7:00 LIVE MUSIC featuring:
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Sunday | July 4th

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ENGAGEMENT: We are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of Lyndee Maltbie and Dallan DeBose by their parents, Christy Northrup and the late Billy Maltbie, and Danny and Lori DeBose. Lyndee's grandparents are the late Freddy and Claudette Northrup of Borger, TX, and Dallan's grandparents are Pat and Alberta Helton of Allison TX, the late Virginia DeBose Gearhart of Wheeler, TX, and the late JW DeBose of Eldorado, IL. Lyndee is employed by Adobe Apartments in Borger, TX, and Dallan is employed by TexPan in Borger, TX. The couple will be married July 9th at the Helton Ranch, North of Allison, TX.



MUSEUM VISITORS: The Wheeler Historical Museum was open for Wheeler Ex-Students and Teachers to visit. Shown here are Timm Rodgers, Vic Bradford, Rhonda Meriwether (Ex-Teacher) and Rich Brown.

Court (from Page 4)

Vernon Close to The Public, 6-4-21.
 DVL-Bence Vernon Close to Close Family Trust, 6-4-21, NE/4 Sec. 80, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT-Close Family Trust to Plains Land Bank FLCA, 6-3-21, NE/4 Sec. 80, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MEMO. Of LEASE-Maureta Horn Croslin, et vir to GTP Towers I LLC, 10-7-20, SE/4 Sec. 56, Blk. A-5, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DT-Walter Duncan Oil LLC to BancFirst, 5-7-21, Sec. 51, Blk. A-7, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 MD-Julia B. Miller to Kenneth Wischkaemper, et al, 6-3-21, NW/4 Sec. 12, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Plus Any Other Mineral Interest.
 MD-Mary Sharyn Thomas to Kenneth Wischkaemper, et al, 6-1-21, NW/4 Sec. 12, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey; Plus Any Other Mineral Interest.
 ASSIGN. CONVEY. BILL of SALE-GAEA Services Inc. to Kenneth Wischkaemper, 6-2-21, See Instrument.
 ROW-J D Walker to Greenbelt Electric Cooperative Inc., ---, SW/4 Sec. 22, Blk. 24, H&GN Ry. Company Survey.
 DEED-Kent Birdsong, et ux to Aaron Duck, et ux, 4-19-21, Pt. of 70 acs out of NW/4 of Sec. 34, Blk. 23, H&GN Ry.

Storm (from Page 2)

trees down on the fence. It was not easy to get across the creek to the broken fence. We got the fence put back. The rain is very good, but I don't like storms and trees falling on fences.
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Company Survey (Lot 12 Sand Lake Inc).
 JUNE 11, 2021
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES MD-Jerry Lawrence Rankin (Estate) to Leigh Widmer Rankin Slater, et al, 5-18-21, Mineral Interest in N/2



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Sec. 74, Blk. M-1, H&GN Ry. Company Survey. AGREE.-David Wayne Jones, et ux to Amarillo National Bank, 6-2-21.
 PAYMENT DEFERRAL

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 30, 2021 in WISD Board of Education Room 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 \$ 0.19 /\$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	% increase	or	0.962	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	0.184	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	1.146	% (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	\$ 254,474,000	\$ 243,658,095
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 762,790	\$ 1,263,560
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 245,411,210	\$ 222,476,947
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 352,140	\$ 1,064,480

* "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	\$ 0.96640	\$ 0.18000*	\$ 1.14640	\$ 7200	\$ 6399
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.14312	\$ 0.17269*	\$ 1.31581	\$ 7574	\$ 6763
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.96640	\$ 0.19000*	\$ 1.15640	\$ 6674	\$ 6895

* 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	\$ 82,717	\$ 86,407
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 56,992	\$ 58,657
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.1464	\$ 1.1564
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 653.36	\$ 678.31
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 24.95

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 \$1.1564. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.1564.

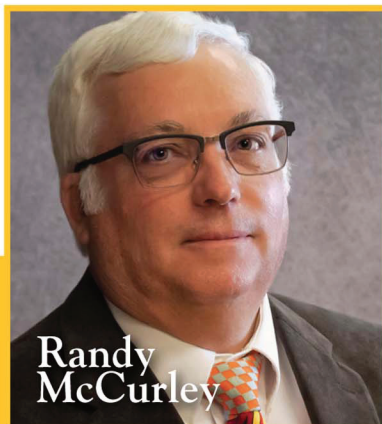
Fund Balances

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:

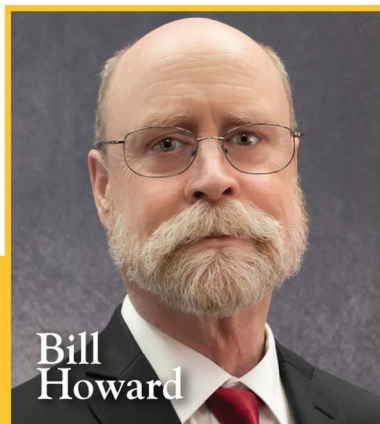
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 6,675,249
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 527,815

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.

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